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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The attached letter, dated 15 December 1987, was addressed to the President of the Security Council by the Permanent Observer of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations. In accordance with the request contained in the letter, the text is **being** circulated as **a** document of the Security Council.

Annex

Letter dated 15 December 1987 from the Permanent Observer of the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward to you the text of the communiqué of
14 December 1987 of the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army.

I request that this letter, together with the enclosed communiqué of the
Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army, be circulated as a document of the
Security Council.

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Enclosure

Communia · 6 of the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army

The Government of the Democratic! People's Republic of Korea on 23 July advanced a proposal for a drnstrc phased arms reduction, nnnouncing its willingness to unilaterally reduce the Korean People's Army by 100,000 men by the end of 1987, with a view to making a breakthrough in the arms reduction on the Korean peninsula.

The Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army, in accordance with the measure of the Government of the Democratic **People's Republic** of Korea, ordered the people's army units of all arms and services to **demobilize** 100,000 soldiers and **send** them **to** posts of socialist **economic** construction by **the** end of **December 1987**.

When the **Democratic** People's **Republic** of **Korea** Government's peace proposal for disarmament **was** announced and the order of the Korean People's Army Supreme Command issued, all the Korean people and peace-loving people the world over **welcomed and** fully supported **them and** the Korean People's Army units of **all** arms and services **took** a series of steps for thoroughly **fulfilling** the order **of the supreme** command.

The order has been creditably carried out in a matter of four months amidst great expectation **and interest** of all the Korean people and **peace-loving** people the **worldover**,

NOW in our country 100,000 **demobilized** generals, officers and soldiers of the people's army have advanced into industrial establishments, **farminq and fishing villages** and other sectors of the national economy and are **working miracles and** innovation in the worthwhile endeavours to carry **out the** third seven-year plan in **the** same spirit and attitude as they fulfilled the party's orders unconditionally and thoroughly through thick and thin, **holdinq** hammers and sickles in their hands instead of **arms**.

Notinq this with **satisfaction**, the Korean People's Army Supreme **Command** extends, **upon authorization**, d p **thanks to the** officials of **the party**, power, **administrative** and economic **organs** at all levels and all the **workers, peasants,** technicians, office workers **and youth and students** for having **warmly welcomed** our demobilized soldiers and shown particular care for **their work and life**.

While unilaterally **reducing** the numerical etrenqth of the people's army, **the** Korean People's Army Supreme **Command** has closely watched the stand of the United States and the south Korean authorities tawardn the Democratic People's **Republic** of Korea Government ' s proposal for d isarmament,

To our **regret**, the United States and the south Korean **authorities** have not answered our **positive** peace step with an **affirmative response** but, being sceptical about it, have stepped up arms buildup and war preparations. As a result, the **situation on the** Korean peninsula remains strained.

The Korean People's Army Supreme Command, however, did **carry** out the reduction of the people's army **by** 100,000 men, prompted by the Democratic People's **Republic of Korea Government's** unshakeable **peace-loving** will and desire for reunification to ease the tension, uproot the **danger** of **war** and open a favourable phase for peace and peaceful **reunification on the Korean peninsula through disarmament come what may.**

With **100,000 soldiers** of **the** people's army **demobilized**, a huge manpower and funds are allocated to peaceful **economic construction** and **the promotion of the** people's welfare in **our** country.

The United **States** and **the south Korean** authorities should not exploit **for** a **sinister** purpose the gap in the military **equilibrium caused by our arms** reduction, **but immediately** accede to disarmament negotiations proposed by the **Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.**

All the **Korean** people and **the** officers and **men** of **the Korean People's Army** and **the** People's **Security Forces** will **as** ever firmly defend **our socialist** motherland and the **gains** of the revolution **from the encroachment of the enemies and continue to perform** heroic **feats** in socialist **construction for the** development and prosperity **of the country** and the happiness of the **people**, deeply **conscious** of their important **mission for the cause of peace.**
