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MESSAGE DATED 21 AUGUST 1987 FROM THE VICE-PREMIER OF THE  
ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA ADDRESSED TO  
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Upon the authorization of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, I extend congratulations to the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development held amidst the concern of the world.

For peace-loving people, this Conference will be of particularly weighty importance in the light of the ever-aggravating present international tension and the daily deteriorating world economy due to the lasting arms race. We consider that actively pushing forward the current world trend towards the creation and expansion of nuclear-free peace zones is a major way of disarmament and promotion of development on a national and regional scale and of creating a favourable international environment for development by making universal disarmament, nuclear disarmament in particular, more inevitable.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is making practical efforts to turn the Korean peninsula into a nuclear-free peace zone and effect a phased reduction of the armed forces standing against each other between the north and the south. We are convinced that these steps will be conducive towards détente in this region and exert a favourable influence upon world-wide disarmament and development.

I wish you great success in the work of your Conference for realizing the common desire of humanity to get rid of the danger of a nuclear holocaust and build a new world, equal socially and economically, by raising disarmament and development as one common task through their organic combination.