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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The attached letter dated 8 February 1983 from the Permanent Observer of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations was addressed to the President of the Security Council. In accordance with the request therein contained, the letter is being circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Letter dated 8 February 1983 from the Permanent Observer of the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency the text of the communiqué of the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army dated 1 February 1983 in connection with the acute situation being created on and around the Korean peninsula.

I should be grateful if you would have the attached communiqué circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Observer of the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
to the United Nations

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Communiqué of the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army

The United States imperialists, together with the south Korean puppet clique, are staging joint military exercises, the largest in scale in history, called "Team Spirit 83", with the whole area of South Korea as the main theatre in the period from 1 February to the middle of April.

According to an announcement of the enemy, army units, such as units under the 6th Army, the First Army Corps Headquarters, the Seventh Infantry Division, the 82nd Airborne Landing Division in the United States mainland, the Western Command of the Army and the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii etc., the naval forces, including the task force of the Seventh Fleet in Yokosuka, Japan, the 3rd Naval Landing Unit in Okinawa, and the 1st Naval Flying Corps etc., and the air forces, such as the 43rd Strategic Flying Corps under the Strategic Air Force, including the Guam-based B-52 bombers and 6 flying corps under the Tactical Air Force in the United States mainland, Okinawa and the Philippines, will crawl into South Korea to participate in the "Team Spirit 83" joint military exercises; and more than 70,000 men of the United States imperialist aggression forces will stage, together with the South Korean puppet army, rehearsals of three-dimensional invading operation with the large combat forces. Mobilized there are all the ultramodern means of war, such as various types of warships, including the Enterprise, the biggest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier of the United States Seventh Fleet, and various kinds of planes, missiles, artillery pieces and tanks.

The "Team Spirit 83" joint military exercises frantically perpetrated by the United States imperialist aggressors are an escalation of their criminal war moves against our Republic and an open military provocation harassing peace in Korea and leading the situation in our country to the brink of war.

The reckless military provocations of the United States imperialists are now bringing a grave danger of a new war to our country and placing our people under a critical situation in which a war may break out any moment.

The United States imperialist aggressors have resorted to scheming from long ago to start a new war, above all, in Korea in a bid to realize their wild ambition for Asian and world supremacy. These moves have now reached their climax.

Their heinous manoeuvres are timed to coincide with the ever more undisguised moves of the United States imperialists, Japanese militarists and south Korean puppet clique to complete the system of a triangular military alliance.

Dancing to the tune of their United States imperialist master in the war moves, the Chon Du Hwan military fascist clique recently went round forward units of the puppet army and cried for an early completion of the war preparations.

At this very moment, the United States imperialists are bringing dark clouds of war towards the peaceful northern half of our Republic under the pretext of

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"military exercises", whereby they are foolishly attempting to threaten and blackmail our people and subdue them.

Their frantic war provocation moves against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are an intolerable challenge to the entire Korean people and a grave threat to peace in Asia and the world.

Under the grave situation today when the danger of war is approaching our country hour by hour owing to the reckless military provocations of the United States imperialists, the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army issued order No. 001, dated February 1 1983, to the entire units of the Korean People's Army, all the members of the Korean People's Security Forces, the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and the Young Red Guards to enter into a semi-war state from February 1 to mid-April, the period of the enemy's joint military exercises.

This is a self-defensive measure against the United States imperialists' moves for the provocation of a war.

It is a legitimate right of a sovereign people to take a self-defensive measure in face of the imperialists' threat of aggression.

Our people love peace and do not want war. But we will never allow the imperialists to invade our country.

If the United States imperialists ignite a war, our people will turn out as one man in the struggle to defend our people's power, socialist system and inviolable motherland.

The United States imperialists must not miscalculate the firm determination of our people to defend their sovereignty but must act with discretion.

If they start another war in Korea in violation of the unanimous desire of our people and the world people for peace and Chajusong (independence), they will be unable to escape an irretrievable, annihilating blow.

All the units of the Korean People's Army and the entire members of the Korean People's Security Forces, the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and the Young Red Guards and the entire people will get ready in full combat gear to smash in time the enemy's war moves and defend the skies, land and seas of the country and their posts like an impregnable fortress and, if the enemy provokes a war of aggression against the northern half of our Republic, they will promptly counter him and mete out a stern punishment upon him.
