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SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
RELEVANT RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF KOREA ADOPTED BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION

Letter dated 15 September 1988 from the Permanent Representatives of
Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba,
Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, the Lao
People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, the
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics and Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

We have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure, the inclusion as an urgent matter in the agenda of the forty-third session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Situation on the Korean peninsula and implementation of the relevant resolution on the question of Korea adopted by the General Assembly at its thirtieth session."

An explanatory memorandum is enclosed herewith in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

Though increased efforts have been seen recently for the settlement of regional conflicts in various parts of the world, the situation on the Korean peninsula remains complex.

At present, large armed forces are on the alert in south Korea and the main forces of the United States Seventh Fleet are concentrated in the surrounding waters off south Korea.

The gravity of the situation on the Korean peninsula derives also from the continued introduction into south Korea of nuclear weapons and the means of their delivery and the stationing of foreign forces on its territory.

In view of this situation, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a proposal in July 1987 to effect a phased and balanced cut-down of armed forces of the north and the south of Korea and made unilateral reduction of 100,000 army men.

Despite the sincere efforts of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea towards the relaxation of tension, the situation on the Korean peninsula remains aggravated.

The situation prevailing on the Korean peninsula today calls for the urgent implementation of resolution 3390 B (XXX) adopted on 18 November 1975, whereby the General Assembly requested the dissolution of the "United Nations Command" and the withdrawal of all the foreign troops stationed in south Korea under the flag of the United Nations, and called for the replacement of the Korean Military Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement, the prevention of armed conflicts between the north and the south of Korea, the reduction of armed forces and armament and an easing of tension.

The implementation of the resolution on the Korean question and the encouragement of the dialogue can promote the relaxation of the situation on the Korean peninsula and open up a favourable prospect for the peaceful reunification of Korea.

In view of the nature of this item, it is requested that this item be allocated to the plenary.

It would be appropriate for the General Assembly at its forty-third session to invite the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to take part in the discussion of the proposed item in the plenary.

It is expected that the States Members of the United Nations, being aware of the urgency of the solution of the Korean question, will pay due attention and give support to this item.
