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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The attached letter, dated 13 January 1989, 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 13 January 1989 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 statement by the spokesman of the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea dated 9 January 1989.

I request that this letter, together with the enclosed statement by the spokesman of the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) PAK Gil Yon  
Ambassador

Enclosure

Statement by the spokesman of the Ministry of the People's  
Armed Forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

According to the south Korean radio, the "Team Spirit" joint military exercises for this year will be held from 27 January to the end of April with the mobilization of more than 200,000 troops, including 60,000 men of the United States Forces.

This indicates that the "Team Spirit" war games will be staged this year much earlier than last year on the same scale.

This scheme of the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets is a downright challenge to the sincere efforts for détente on the part of the Government of our Republic and a mockery of the unanimous desire of the world's peace-loving people for peace in Korea and its peaceful reunification.

In demanding a stop to the "Team Spirit" joint military manoeuvres, we seek to make substantial progress in promoting peace in the country and its peaceful reunification by actively accelerating the process of the favourable development of the present situation for the reunification of the country.

Out of this sincere wish, we have put forward concrete proposals for the relaxation of tension and a guarantee of peace on the Korean peninsula and waited for a positive response from them.

If the United States and the south Korean authorities have the least interest in détente on the Korean peninsula, they, in response to our sincere efforts, should have expressed, at least, the attitude to refrain from staging the "Team Spirit" joint military exercises this year.

Utterly ignoring our efforts to ease tension, however, the United States and the south Korean authorities are going to stage the "Team Spirit" again. This self exposes that they are seeking confrontation and war rather than dialogue and détente.

In its nature, content and scale, the "Team Spirit" joint military rehearsal is an extremely provocative play with fire and an out-and-out aggressive war game which is aimed at mounting an all-out attack on the northern half of the country by a nuclear pre-emptive strike.

If they are interested in détente and dialogue on the Korean peninsula, the United States and the south Korean authorities have no reason to refuse to cancel the plan for the reckless war manoeuvres.

The situation in the Korean peninsula and its surroundings now is not so dangerous as to compel the United States and the south Korean authorities to stage the large-scale joint military manoeuvres.

There have been several rounds of meetings of parliamentarians from the two sides for the preparation of a north-south joint parliamentary meeting and high-level political and military talks, sports talks and student talks between the north and the south are on the order of the day, and our proposal for a north-south political consultative meeting has been raised anew.

The United States imperialists must stop right now inciting confrontation and increasing tensions behind with such reckless military provocation as the "Team Spirit", while talking about the dialogue in public.

The south Korean puppets, if they are truly interested in the north-south dialogue, must free themselves from dependence on the foreign forces and stop wrecking the atmosphere of dialogue and join in the nation-wide movement for peace and peaceful reunification of the country,

If they stage again the aggressive "Team Spirit" joint military exercises, ignoring our repeated protests, they will never avoid the responsibility for spoiling on purpose and in a premeditated way the atmosphere of dialogue and détente created on the Korean peninsula.

Pyongyang, 9 January 1989

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