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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The attached letter, dated 11 March 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 11 March 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 communiqué of the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army dated 11 March 1989.

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.

(Signed) PAK Gil Yon  
Ambassador

Enclosure

Communiqué issued by the Supreme Command of the Korean People's  
Army at Pyongyang on 11 March 1989

The "Team Spirit 89" joint military exercises, started by the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets in south Korea in defiance of the unanimous protests and denunciation of the entire Korean and other peace-loving people of the world, will soon enter a stage of full-dress offensive operations.

All kinds of offensive operations aimed at our Republic will be staged in the war manoeuvres which involve more than 200,000 men of the United States imperialist aggression forces and the south Korean puppet army and a great many weapons of mass destruction including nuclear weapons, and new-type combat equipment.

For the aggressive military manoeuvres, the United States imperialists' "Operation Command" and advance units have arrived in south Korea and, subsequently, huge troops and other armed forces of the United States imperialist aggression army are swarming into south Korea from the United States mainland and the United States military bases in Asia and the Pacific, and their special nuclear units and nuclear arms are on the move.

"Team Spirit 89" is a direct outcome of the Korea and Asia strategy of United States imperialism. It is a preliminary war, a test nuclear war for a pre-emptive attack on the northern half of Korea.

Owing to the reckless military provocation of the United States imperialists and the south Korean military fascist clique, the consistent efforts of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for peace and the peaceful reunification of Korea face a grave challenge, and a tense situation which may lead to the outbreak of war any moment has been created on the Korean peninsula.

The international situation as a whole gradually shows a sign of détente, and the world's peace-loving people lift up voices for a peaceful settlement of the Korean issue.

Of late our Party and the Government of the Republic, in conformity with the desire of the entire Korean people and the world's peace-loving people, put forward the four principles for the guarantee of peace and comprehensive peace overtures, the proposal for north-south high-level political and military talks, the proposal for the convocation of a political consultative meeting of leadership-level people in the north and the south and other reasonable proposals and repeatedly demanded the discontinuation of the provocative "Team Spirit 89" joint military exercises for the successful holding of a north-south dialogue.

The world's peace-loving people fully support the reasonable proposals of our Party and the Government of the Republic for the relaxation of tensions and peace on the Korean peninsula and national reunification and the just struggle of our people for their realization and strongly condemn the provocative belligerent moves of the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets.

But the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets are rendering the situation strained and staging the very dangerous "Team Spirit 89" joint military manoeuvres, wielding nuclear weapons in a bid to turn back the trend of détente and realize their aggressive ambition.

This is a vicious challenge to our Republic and the entire Korean people and a grave threat to peace in Asia and the world.

The United States imperialists have already massively shipped various types of nuclear weapons and sophisticated war means into south Korea and turned south Korea into a most dangerous war powder keg and nuclear forward base.

The United States imperialists have completed preparations for a nuclear war against the northern half of Korea, staging the "Team Spirit" joint military exercises every year and watched for a chance to turn these exercises into an actual war.

While staging the "Team Spirit" joint military exercises every year, saying that they are "defensive exercises" and "annual exercises", the United States imperialists may launch a surprise invasion by making use of the time when our vigilance is slackened.

That the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets are staging the "Team Spirit 89" joint military exercises against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is a vicious provocation to lead the situation on the Korean peninsula to the brink of war and impose the holocaust of a thermonuclear war upon Asia and the world.

The Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army issued the order to all the units of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Security Forces and the entire members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guard and Young Red Guard to get ready for combat mobilization with a high degree of revolutionary vigilance to cope with the grave situation in which the danger of a new nuclear war exists in our country owing to the reckless military provocation of the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique.

Officers and men of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Security Forces now active in Socialist economic construction have also been ordered to keep themselves in full readiness so that they may respond to an emergency mobilization any moment.

This is a self-defence measure to cope with the new war provocation moves of the United States imperialists and the south Korean military fascist clique.

The Korean people love peace but do not want confrontation and war. We have consistently made every possible effort to settle the question of our country's reunification peacefully through dialogue and negotiation, not by means of war.

But we will never allow any attempt of the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique to threaten and provoke us at random.

If the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets dare to provoke a war against us, our revolutionary armed forces and entire people will turn out as one in the fight to defend the sacred fatherland and the priceless revolutionary gains.

All the units of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Security Forces and the members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guard and the Young Red Guard and all other people should closely follow every move of the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique with heightened revolutionary vigilance, always maintain a strained and mobilized posture and get ready in full combat preparedness to smash promptly any war provocation manoeuvres of the enemy and thus defend the land, sea and sky of the country as firm as a rock.

