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Letter dated 11 March 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

I have the honour to state the principled position of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea regarding the references made to that country by the President of Timor-Leste, Jose Ramos-Horta, when delivering his statement to the Human Rights Council at its thirteenth session, on 11 March 2010.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is compelled to deeply regret these references, which were based on information fabricated and distorted by those hostile forces as part of their attempts, constantly made for more than half a century, to eliminate the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. These references completely contradict the reality of my country and, moreover, some of them have no relevance to issues under discussion by the Council.

It is for this reason that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea categorically and resolutely rejects such references made to it by the President of Timor-Leste.

I would appreciate it very much if you could circulate the present letter as a document of the thirteenth session of the Council.

(signed) RI Tcheul
Ambassador and Permanent Representative