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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Members of the General Assembly the text of a cablegram dated 10 October 1953 which he has received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

CABLEGRAM DATED 10 OCTOBER 1953 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Peking, 10 October 1953

FOR TRANSMISSION TO MADAME VIJAYA LAKSHMI PANDIT, PRESIDENT OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ATTACHED IS THE FULL TEXT OF MY STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE THREE COMMUNICATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF 19 AND 24 SEPTEMBER AND 9 OCTOBER RESPECTIVELY, WHICH STATEMENT HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON 10 OCTOBER 1953 THROUGH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ISSUE THE FULL TEXT OF THIS STATEMENT TO ALL THE DELEGATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SO-CALLED "DELEGATION" OF THE CHINESE KUOMINTANG REMNANT CLIQUE -- CHOU EN LAI, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, PEKING, 10 OCTOBER 1953.

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"THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS NOTED AND HAS, TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MADE A STUDY OF THE THREE COMMUNICATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT ON 19 AND 24 SEPTEMBER AND 9 OCTOBER RESPECTIVELY.

"I AM NOW AUTHORIZED TO STATE, ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AS FOLLOWS:

"I. ON 13 AND 14 SEPTEMBER RESPECTIVELY 1953, THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA PUT FORWARD, IN THEIR CABLES IN REPLY TO MR. DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, FOUR PROPOSALS WHICH PROVIDE THAT THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD TAKE SPEEDIEST STEPS TO ENLARGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE, SO THAT THIS CONFERENCE MIGHT BE CONVENED SPEEDILY. THESE PROPOSALS HAVE OFFICIALLY BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. MR. ANDREI VYSHINSKY, HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF THE SOVIET UNION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, BY LETTER DATED 18 SEPTEMBER ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ASKED TO HAVE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA. HOWEVER, THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS REFUSED TO INCLUDE THEM IN ITS AGENDA. THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THIS TO BE AN INDICATION THAT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY GOES AGAINST THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES, WHICH IS UNREASONABLE, AND IT EXPRESSES DEEP REGRET AT IT.

"II. THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HOLDS ALL ALONG THAT THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE A REPETITION OF THE FORM OF THE PANMUNJOM NEGOTIATIONS BUT SHOULD HAVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NEUTRAL NATIONS CONCERNED IN ADDITION TO THE TWO BELLIGERENT SIDES IN KOREA, SO AS TO FACILITATE THE SMOOTH PROCEEDING OF THE CONFERENCE AND THEREBY TO SEEK A SETTLEMENT OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES, THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF

THE KOREAN QUESTION AND OTHER QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS SPURNED THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER BY ASSUMING THE POSITION OF ONE OF THE BELLIGERENT SIDES IN KOREA, AND, BOWING TO THE VIEWS OF THE MINORITY WHO OPPOSE THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIA IN THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE, HAS DEPRIVED THE GREATEST MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO SETTLE INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL MEANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER. THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT DEEMS THAT SUCH ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAUSE THE UNITED NATIONS TO LOSE MORE OF ITS PRESTIGE WHICH IS NEAR COMPLETELY FORFEITED AND THAT THEY ENABLE PEOPLE TO SEE MORE CLEARLY THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS CONTINUING TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE AGGRESSORS IN CREATING INTERNATIONAL TENSION.

"III. NEVERTHELESS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSISTING ON THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION TO FACILITATE THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN ASIA AND THE WORLD, AND OF EXPEDITING THE SPEEDY CONVOCATION OF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE, THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AGREES THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET WITH A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE.

"IV. THESE DISCUSSIONS NOT ONLY SHOULD SETTLE THE QUESTIONS OF PLACE AND TIME OF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE, BUT, WHAT IS MORE ESSENTIAL, SHOULD SETTLE THE QUESTION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE.

"V. SINCE THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE CONFINED TO THE TWO BELLIGERENT SIDES IN KOREA, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE PLACE OF THE DISCUSSIONS BE PANMUNJOM, KOREA.

-- CHOU EN LAI, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. PEKING, 10 OCTOBER 1953 "
