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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 13 October 1953 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, addressed to the President of the General Assembly.

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CABLEGRAM DATED ~~20~~ OCTOBER 1953 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Pyongyang, 10 October 1953

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT I HAVE THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT HERewith THE ATTACHED STATEMENT ALREADY TRANSMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA THROUGH THE SWEDISH MISSION IN PEKING AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND TO ASK YOU TO CIRCULATE IT TO ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SEE FIT TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REQUEST AND THAT YOU WILL INFORM ME ACCORDINGLY. THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE - NAM IL, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, PYONGYANG, 10 OCTOBER 1953.

REFERENCE COMMUNICATIONS OF 19 AND 24 SEPTEMBER AND 9 OCTOBER 1953.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS NOTED AND HAS, TOGETHER WITH THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, MADE A STUDY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OF 19 AND 24 SEPTEMBER AND 9 OCTOBER 1953 TRANSMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA I HEREBY STATE THE FOLLOWING:

I. ON 13 AND 14 SEPTEMBER 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 CABLEGRAMS IN REPLY TO MR. HAMMARSKJOLD, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, FOUR PROPOSALS WHICH PROVIDE THAT THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD TAKE URGENT STEPS TO ENLARGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE SO THAT THIS CONFERENCE MAY BE CONVENED SPEEDILY. AS IS KNOWN, THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO

THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. MR. 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 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 OF THE SESSION. HOWEVER, THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS REFUSED TO INCLUDE THESE PROPOSALS IN ITS AGENDA. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONSIDERS THIS TO BE AN INDICATION THAT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS GROSSLY VIOLATING THE PRINCIPLE OF PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES, AND IT EXPRESSES DEEP REGRET AT IT.

II. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS CONSISTENTLY CONSIDERED THAT THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE A REPETITION OF THE FORM OF THE PANMUNJOM TRUCE NEGOTIATIONS, THAT TO ENSURE THAT IT FUNCTIONS SMOOTHLY IT SHOULD HAVE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE NEUTRAL STATES CONCERNED, IN ADDITION TO THE SIDES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN KOREA, AND THAT IT SHOULD SETTLE THE QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM KOREA, THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION, ETC. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IGNORING THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, ASSUMING THE POSITION OF ONE OF THE BELLIGERENT SIDES IN KOREA AND BOWING TO THE VIEWS OF THE MINORITY OF COUNTRIES WHICH OPPOSED THE PROPOSAL THAT INDIA SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE, HAS DEPRIVED THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO SETTLE INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL MEANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONSIDERS THAT SUCH ACTIONS BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY STILL FURTHER UNDERMINE THE ALREADY BADLY SHAKEN PRESTIGE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THAT THEY ENABLE PEOPLE TO SEE MORE CLEARLY THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS CONTINUING TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE AGGRESSORS WHO ARE CREATING INTERNATIONAL TENSION.

III. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, STEADFASTLY PURSUING THE POLICY OF STRENGTHENING PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BY THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION, AND WITH THE OBJECT OF EXPEDITING THE CONVENING OF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, 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 QUESTION OF CONVENING THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE.

IV. THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD SETTLE NOT ONLY THE QUESTIONS OF THE PLACE AND DATE OF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE BUT ALSO THE MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE.

V. SINCE THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE CONFINED TO THE SIDES WHICH FOUGHT IN KOREA, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE PLACE OF THE DISCUSSIONS BE PANMUNJOM, KOREA - NAM IL, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA.