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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The attached letter, dated 27 February 1990, 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 27 February 1990 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 27 February 1990 of the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army.

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.

(<u>Signed</u>) PAK Gil Yon Ambassador Permanent Observer

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Communique of the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army

The United States and south Korean bellicose elements finally embarked on the adventurous road of staging the aggressive "Team Spirit 90" joint military exercises, defying unanimous protest and denunciation by the entire Korean people and the world's peace-loving people.

Various attack operations directed against our Republic will be held in the exercises with the mobilization of units of United States imperialist aggression forces and the south Korean puppet army, great quantities of weapons of mass destruction and new-type combat equipment including nuclear arms, which are more than enough to wage a whole war.

Now huge troops and nuclear aircraft carriers, destroyers, strategic bombers and various types of missiles are swarming into south Korea from the United States mainland and United States military bases in Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, Japan and other areas, and the United States forces present in south Korea and the south Korean puppet army are being deployed in the operational zones.

The "Team Spirit 90" joint military exercises are a preliminary war, a test nuclear war designed to deal a pre-emptive strike at our Republic in accordance with the United States Asia-Pacific strategy.

Our new epochal national reunification proposal to pull down the barrier of division and realize free travel and complete opening between the north and the south now faces a grave challenge and the multi-channelled north-south dialogues have been suspended all at once due to this adventurous war gamble.

A tense situation in which a war may break out any moment has been created in our country.

No one can vouch that the United States, which had scarcely proclaimed to the world an end to the cold war and the advent of an era of peace when it committed an armed invasion of a sovereign State in Central America, would not run a military adventure, taking advantage of the "Team Spirit 90" joint military exercises.

In face of the grave situation in which the danger of a new war, a nuclear war, has been created in our country owing to the reckless military provocations of the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique, the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army issued an order to all the units of the three services of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Security Forces and to all the members of the Worker-Peasant Red Cross Guard and the Young Red Guard to get fully ready for combat mobilization with heightened revolutionary vigilance.

The officers and men of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Security Forces mobilized in peaceful economic construction, too, were ordered to be in full readiness for emergency mobilization any moment.

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

Our people love peace and do not want confrontation and war.

With a view to easing the tensions on the Korean peninsula and bringing about a fundamental turn in achieving the peaceful reunification of the country in keeping with the desire of the entire Korean people and the world's peace-loving people who want disarmament and détente, our Party and the Government of our Republic advanced a new reunification proposal to pull down the barrier between the north and the south and realize free travel and full-scale opening, and have repeatedly demanded a halt to the "Team Spirit 90" joint military exercises which lay obstacles to north-south dialogue.

The United States and the south Korean authorities, however, are pushing the situation to an extreme pitch of strain, wielding nuclear weapons in an effort to gratify their aggressive desire, and they continue staging the provocative "Team Spirit" joint military exercises they started in the mid-1970s even in the 1990s.

This is a grave challenge to our peace-loving Republic and the entire Korean people and a criminal act threatening peace in Asia and the rest of the world.

The situation on the Korean peninsula is being kept unstable, failing to enter a phase of relaxation, because of the international military confrontation policy of the United States and the south Korean authorities.

The United States and the south Korean authorities must give up the anachronistic old mode of thinking of the "cold war" age and immediately stop the "Team Spirit 90" joint military exercises aimed to meet their foolish aggressive ends.

Our Party and the Government of our Republic will make all efforts in the future, too, to ease the tense situation and remove the military confrontation on the Korean peninsula.

If the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets persistently keep to the road of a war of aggression in defiance of the unanimous desire and aspirations of our people to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country in the 1990s, our revolutionary armed forces and the entire Korean people will rise as one in the struggle to defend their inviolable motherland and priceless revolutionary gains.

All the units of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Security Forces and all the members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guard and the Young Red Guard and the entire people will keep themselves in full combat preparedness promptly and thoroughly to smash any act of war provocation of the enemy and keep the ground, seas and sky of the motherland as firm as a rock.

