

KOREAN PENINSULA - PROPOSAL BY DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES"
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA) *

"The Peace-loving proposal that has correctly reflected the situation on the Korean Peninsula", special article in NODONG SINMUN, Pyongyang, North Korea, 13 January 1986."

THE DPRK FOREIGN MINISTRY, ON 11 JANUARY, ISSUED A STATEMENT NOTING THAT THE DPRK GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED, AS AN IMPORTANT MEASURE TO EASE TENSION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND CREATE DECISIVELY FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENTS FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, TO REFRAIN FROM LARGE-SCALE MILITARY EXERCISE THROUGHOUT THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC FROM 1 FEBRUARY 1986 AND TO STOP ALL MILITARY EXERCISES DURING THE PERIOD OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

THE STATEMENT PROPOSED ((CHEUI)) THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCE, IN RESPONSE TO OUR INITIATIVE, THAT THEY WILL NOT HOLD MILITARY EXERCISE IN THE WHOLE AREA OF SOUTH KOREA FROM 1 FEBRUARY 1986, AND PUT THIS INTO PRACTICE.

OUR PROPOSAL FOR THE CESSATION ((CHUNGJI)) OF WAR EXERCISES IS ANOTHER CLEAR EXPRESSION OF THE INVARIABLE STAND AND SINCERE EFFORTS OF OUR PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC FOR PEACE IN KOREA AND THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS A REALISTIC AND PEACE-LOVING PROPOSAL THAT HAS CORRECTLY REFLECTED THE SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AND FULLY AGREES WITH THE DESIRE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND THE PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

OUR DECISION FOR THE CESSATION OF WAR EXERCISE IS AN ACTIVE MEASURE TO CREATE A FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT AND CONDITIONS FOR NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

THE GREAT LEADER COMRADE KIM IL-SONG, IN HIS NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS, SAID THAT TRIPARTITE TALKS SHOULD BE HELD AMONG US, THE UNITED STATES, AND SOUTH KOREA IN ORDER TO SOLVE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS SO THAT THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA CAN BE ACHIEVED= THE ON-GOING TALKS BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH SHOULD BE CONDUCTED PROPERLY= AND TALKS OF THE HIGHEST LEVEL SHOULD ALSO BE REALIZED.

THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND THE PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD ARE EXPECTING THAT, THIS YEAR, THE SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA WILL BE EASED, AND NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE WILL BEAR GOOD FRUIT.

THE GREAT LEADER COMRADE KIM IL-SONG HAS TAUGHT: IN ORDER TO MAKE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE PROGRESS SUCCESSFULLY, TENSION SHOULD BE EASED BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. TO THIS END, ABOVE ALL, WAR EXERCISES MUST NOT BE STAGED AGAINST THE OPPOSITE SIDE TO DIALOGUE.

WAR EXERCISES AGAINST THE OPPOSITE SIDE AND DIALOGUE CANNOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH EACH OTHER. WAR EXERCISES ARE INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE THE OPPOSITE SIDE BY FORCE OF ARMS. THUS, THEY HEIGHTEN TENSION AND INCREASE THE DANGER OF WAR. AMID SUCH A SITUATION, DIALOGUE CANNOT BE HELD SMOOTHLY, AND SUCCESS CANNOT BE EXPECTED, EVEN IF DIALOGUE IS HELD.

LAST YEAR, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES PERSISTENTLY STAGED THE +TEAM SPIRIT-85+ JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF AND PROTEST BY OUR PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. BY SO DOING, THEY CAUSED THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, WHICH WAS ARRANGED WITH SO MUCH EFFORT, TO BE DISCONTINUED ((CHUNG DAN)) AND AGGRAVATED THE SITUATION. SUCH A SITUATION MUST NOT BE REPEATED.

WITH REGARD TO CONSIDERING NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE PRECIOUS AND MAKING FURTHER PROGRESS IN IT, WE PUT FORTH THE PROPOSAL THIS TIME, AND PUT FORWARD THE SAME PROPOSAL THROUGH THE MAC MEETING HELD RECENTLY.

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