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Summary:

At a recent state visit of the DPRK delegation to the PRC, both countries look at the developments in Indochina as positive and as predicted changes to the Korean Peninsula. Beijing agrees to increase trade and economic cooperation with North Korea while promising to keep distance from Seoul.

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To: Comrade Constantin Oancea

Deputy Foreign Minister, Jeon Myeong-su [Jon Myong Su] individually briefed the Romanian Ambassador and the other heads of diplomatic missions from socialist countries regarding the results of the visit made by the North Korean delegation led by President Kim Il Sung to the People's Republic of China.

Focused mainly on the elements mentioned in the joint communiqué published after the visit, the briefing revealed the following ideas which were more noteworthy:

- The North Korean delegation was received with unusual grandeur and cordiality, exceeding the customs of Chinese protocol.
- The two parties hold identical positions on the achievement of the peaceful and independent unification of Korea, based on the Three Principles of the July 1972 [Joint] Statement.
- The two parties agreed that the evolution of the situation in Indochina positively affects the prospects of the Korean [matter] and of unification.
- The two parties decided to perfect their economic cooperation and trade, to increase the volume of exchange, which are required given the extraordinary tasks involved in fulfilling [the quotas] for the 6-year plan ahead of the deadline and in fulfilling the objectives of the future plan.
- The assurance was granted by the Chinese that the People's Republic of China would continue to undertake efforts for the international isolation of the regime in Seoul, rejecting all the attempts of the latter to establish contacts.

Our attention was caught by the idea that the identity of perspectives held by the two sides on fundamental issues for the region will have a strong impact on the prospects of the situation on the Korean peninsula, a fact which, when corroborated with other hints, reveals that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China decided to adopt a firm, yet peaceful line, on the Korean matter, until they manage to compel the United States to completely withdraw their troops from South Korea and to remove Park Chung Hee from power.

Signed: Dumitru Popa