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Summary:

Nam Il, minister of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, sends letter to Sir Leslie Munro and Dag Hammarskjold to protest against UN General Assembly meeting which adopted an resolution to accept only South Korea into UN and denounces President Rhee of South Korea.

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The enclosed communication to the United Nations Organization, ... dated 29 October 1957, is transmitted to the Permanent Missions of the States Members of the United Nations at the request of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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Translated from Russian

To: Sir Leslie Munro, President of the twelfth session of the United Nations General Assembly

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations

On 25 October 1957, the United Nations General Assembly once again adopted in a plenary meeting an unjust resolution stating that only South Korea is "qualified for membership in the United Nations". In this connexion I have been authorized by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to address this letter to you and through you to the representatives of all States Members of the United Nations.

It is common knowledge that the present problem in regard to Korea is not that of the illegal admission to the United Nations of only one part of that dismembered country, but of its peaceful unification on democratic foundations.

The unilateral admission of South Korea to the United Nations would result not in uniting Korea, but on the contrary in perpetuating its division.

For that reason, the United Nations Security Council again decided on 9 September 1957 against the unilateral admission of South Korea to the United Nations.

Contrary to that decision, the representatives of certain States Members of the United Nations have continued to press for the unilateral admission of South Korea to the United Nations. It is particularly intolerable that such action has been inspired by the ruling circles of the United States.

The effect of this state of affairs is not only to undermine the authority of the United Nations but also to cause the Organization to depart to an ever increasing extent from the lofty aims and principles with which it started.

Syngman Rhee's authority extends only over the territory of South Korea. Not only does this authority not represent the will of the entire Korean people, but even in South Korea it does not enjoy the support of the population and is maintained only with the bayonets of foreign occupation forces.

In violation of the United Nations Charter, the Syngman Rhee regime is openly demanding the unleashing of a new war. It is calling for abrogation of the Korean Armistice Agreement and for the initiation of a new "campaign against the North". Syngman Rhee's regime, moreover, not only does not recognize the United Nations Charter, but is on the contrary making strenuous efforts to undermine it.

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On the basis of the above facts, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea regards as completely unjust the resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its plenary meeting of 25 October 1957 affirming that the Syngman Rhee regime is entitled to be admitted unilaterally to membership in the United Nations.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea emphasizes that this United Nations resolution will simply be an obstacle to the solution of the Korean problem. It considers that the convening of a conference of interested States, in which the representatives of North and South Korea would participate, would facilitate a just solution of the Korean problem, which has reached a deadlock in consequence of the intrigues of the United States Government.

In conveying to you herewith the will of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and of the entire Korean people, I request you to be good enough to circulate this letter to the representatives of the States Members of the United Nations.

I should be most grateful if this request could be met without delay.

(Signed) Nam IR

Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Democratic People's
Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, 29 October 1957
