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The General Assembly,

Mindful of the hope expressed by it in resolution 3333 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974,
Desiring that progress be made towards the attainment of the goal of peaceful
reunification of Korea on the basis of the freely expressed will of the Korean people,

Recalling its satisfaction with the issuance of the joint communiqué at Seoul and
Pyongyang on 4 July 1972 and the declared intention of both the South and the North
of Korea to continue the dialogue between them,

Further recalling that, by its resolution 711 A (VII) of 28 August 1953, the General
Assembly noted with approval the Armistice Agreement of 27 July 1953, and that, in
its resolution 811 (IX) of 11 December 1954, it expressly took note of the provision of
the Armistice Agreement which requires that the Agreement shall remain in effect
until expressly superseded either by mutually acceptable amendments and additions
or by provisions in an appropriate agreement for a peaceful settlement at a political
level between both sides,

Aware, however, that tension in Korea has not been totally eliminated and that the
Armistice Agreement remains indispensable to the maintenance of peace and
security in the area,

Noting the letter of 27 June 1975, addressed to the President of the Security Council
by the Government of the United States of America, affirming that it is prepared to
terminate the United Nations Command on 1 January 1976, provided that the other
parties directly concerned reach agreement on alternative arrangements mutually
acceptable to them for maintaining the Armistice Agreement,

Noting the statement of 27 June 1975 by the Government of the Republic of Korea
affirming its willingness to enter into arrangements for maintaining the Armistice
Agreement,

Recognizing that, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the
United Nations regarding the maintenance of international peace and security, the
United Nations has a continuing responsibility to ensure the attainment of this goal on
the Korean peninsula,

1. Reaffirms the wishes of its members, as expressed in the consensus statement
adopted by the General Assembly on 28 November 1973, and urges both the South
and the North of Korea to continue their dialogue to expedite the peaceful
reunification of Korea;

2. Expresses the hope that all the parties directly concerned will enter into
negotiations on new arrangements designed to replace the Armistice Agreement,
reduce tensions and ensure lasting peace in the Korean peninsula;

3. Urges all the parties directly concerned, as a first step, bearing in mind the need to
ensure continued observation of the Armistice Agreement and the full maintenance of
peace and security in the region, to embark on talks as soon as possible so that the
United Nations Command may be dissolved concurrently with arrangements for
maintaining the Armistice Agreement;

4. Expresses the further hope that these discussions will be completed and
alternative arrangements for the maintenance of the Armistice Agreement will be
made in order that the United Nations Command may be dissolved on 1 January 1976
so that by that date no armed forces under the United Nations Rag will remain in the

South of Korea.

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B

The General Assembly,

Noting that the reunification of Korea has not yet been achieved although thirty years have elapsed since Korea was divided into the North and the South and twenty-two years since the establishment of the armistice in Korea,

Recalling the obligations assumed by States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations on respect for the principle of equality and self-determination of peoples and on refraining from intervening in matters which are within the domestic jurisdiction of any State,

Considering that it conforms with the principles of the Charter to encourage the Korean people to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of their country at the earliest possible date on the basis of the three principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity and to create favourable conditions for it,

Hoping that the North and the South of Korea will promote their dialogue to accelerate the reunification of the country in accordance with the spirit of the joint statement of 4 July 1972 and with the decision adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, on 28 November 1973, which welcomed the joint statement,

Considering that a durable peace cannot be expected so long as the present state of armistice is kept as it is in Korea,

Considering that in order to guarantee a durable peace in Korea and accelerate its independent and peaceful reunification, it is urgently necessary to take new decisive measures for terminating foreign interference in its internal affairs, removing tension and preventing armed conflicts in that region,

1. Considers that it is necessary to dissolve the "United Nations Command" and withdraw all the foreign troops stationed in South Korea under the flag of the United Nations;

2. Calls upon the real parties to the Armistice Agreement to replace the Korean Military Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement as a measure to ease tension and maintain and consolidate peace in Korea in the context of the dissolution of the "United Nations Command" and the withdrawal of all the foreign troops stationed in South Korea under the flag of the United Nations;

3. Urges the North and the South of Korea to observe the principles of the North-South joint statement and take practical measures for ceasing arms reinforcement, reducing the armed forces of both sides drastically to an equal level, preventing armed conflicts and guaranteeing against the use of force against the other side, and thereby remove the military confrontation and maintain a durable peace in Korea, conducive to accelerating the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

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