REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ITEM IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

CREATION OF FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS TO ACCELERATE THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA

Letter dated 17 July 1972 from the representatives of Algeria, the Congo, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Sierra Leone, Somalia, the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the instructions of our Governments, we have the honour to request you to include in the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh regular session of the United Nations General Assembly the item entitled: "Creation of favourable conditions to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea", as a question which is a matter of urgency.

An explanatory memorandum is attached to this letter.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The Korean question directly involves the responsibility of the United Nations:

- which intervened militarily in the events of 1950 in Korea;

- which established the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea;

- which still gives the cover of its flag to the United States troops and other foreign troops stationed in South Korea.

2. The United Nations General Assembly has on several occasions confirmed that its goal was to work for the unification of Korea and to restore fully peace and security in the region.

3. The General Assembly decided, however, at its twenty-sixth session to adopt the recommendation of its General Committee to postpone the debate on Korea to the twenty-seventh session. The arguments advanced in favour of this decision were based on the fact that discussions had commenced between the Governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea through the intermediary of their respective Red Cross Societies.

4. It is now known that more important developments have occurred between these two Governments, which have declared in a joint communiqué their willingness to join efforts with a view to the reunification of Korea by peaceful means and without foreign intervention.

5. It is the duty of the United Nations to take note of this development of the situation in Korea, to encourage it and to accelerate it by every means at its disposal.

6. It is therefore necessary for the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly to study ways of creating favourable conditions to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

7. The proposed debate is not and cannot be designed to make the United Nations interfere in the discussion of problems which the two Governments concerned wish to solve without foreign intervention.

8. In the light of the new elements which exist in the region, it is now more than ever necessary to reconsider the terms of reference and activities of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea and the presence of the United Nations Military Command in Korea.
9. It would therefore be highly desirable for the United Nations to respond favourably to the wish of the Governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to discuss the problems posed by the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea without foreign intervention.

10. It is for this reason that the authors of the attached letter propose the inclusion in the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly of a new item entitled: "Creation of favourable conditions to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea".

11. The authors express the hope that the States Members of the United Nations will support this constructive proposal, which gives the United Nations the opportunity to discharge its responsibilities in a problem in which it is directly involved.