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Summary:

Lazar notes the contrasting approaches of the two Koreas towards inter-Korean cooperation and discusses the China-US dialogue surrounding US troop withdrawal from South Korea.

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Comrade Chief of Mission,

The Romanian Embassy in Pyongyang informs you of the following concerning North-South relations:

Over the last period of time, a more specific formulation of policies concerning each other is visible on both sides.

After a long period of time, the DPRK has resumed the idea of political cooperation with the South, of economic collaboration, of establishing the Korean confederation.

This idea pushes the boundaries of the South Korean vision which has at its basis the solving of humanitarian issues, commercial exchange, mutual visits as well as other forms of cooperation as a matter of perspective.

North Korean officials consider that soon the phase of stagnation in North-South dialogue will be overcome.

In the meantime, at the suggestion of North Korea, the Chinese-U.S. dialogue has begun in view of the gradual withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea as well as the request of South Korea for U.S. guarantees that the withdrawal of troops be realized only with the condition of modernizing the South Korean army.

Conversely, both sides have engaged in a diplomatic and political offensive in order to obtain international support for their own plan to isolate the other side.

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