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**Cable, UN Secretary-General U Thant to DPRK  
Foreign Affairs Minister Pak Seong-cheol**

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**Summary:**

Secretary-General of the United Nations U Thant cables to Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Pak Seong-cheol that the two Koreas will be allowed to participate in the discussion of the Korean Question provided that they unequivocally accept the competence and authority of the United Nations and they will not have the right to vote on the decision.

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HIS EXCELLENCY

● PAK SUNG CHUL

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
KOREA

PYONGYANG (NORTH KOREA) =

MOST IMMEDIATE

EXCELLENCY CMA HAVE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE FIRST COMMITTEE  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ADOPTED AT ITS 1622ND MEETING ON  
27 NOVEMBER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION QUOTE THE =

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FIRST COMMITTEE CMA RECALLING ITS VIEW THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC F KOREA  
MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION PROVIDED  
THEY FIRST UNEQUIVOCALLY ACCEPT THE COMPETENCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE CHARTER TO TAKE =

P3/52/50 =

ACTION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION CMA CONSIDERING THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION  
OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO AN EQUITABLE AND  
EFFECTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION CMA NOTING THAT THE  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA CMA IN A LETTER DATED 14 OCTOBER 1968 TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS =

P4/53/50 =

(A/C.1/968) HAS AGAIN REAFFIRMED ITS UNEQUIVOCAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE

OF THE CHARTER TO TAKE ACTION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION CMA MINDFUL  
THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONTINUES  
TO HOLD THE VIEWS THAT, AS EXPRESSED IN ITS =

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MEMORANDUM OF 25 JULY 1968 CMA THE UNITED NATIONS HAS SUBQUOTE NO  
GROUND OR AUTHORITY TO MEDDLE IN THE KOREAN QUESTION UNSUBQUOTE  
AND SUBQUOTE MUST NOT DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF THE UNIFICATION OF  
KOREA UNSUBQUOTE SEMICOLON AND FURTHER CMA AS EXPRESSED IN ITS  
STATEMENT OF 21 SEPTEMBER 1968 CMA THAT =

P6/51/50 =

THE KOREAN QUESTION IS SUBQUOTE BY NO MEANS A QUESTION TO BE  
DISCUSSED AT THE UNITED NATIONS UNSUBQUOTE (A/C.1/966) CMA ONE  
DECIDES TO INVITE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO  
TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION WITHOUT RIGHT OF  
VOTE SEMICOLON TWO REAFFIRMS ITS =

P7/52/50 =

WILLINGNESS TO INVITE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION  
WITHOUT RIGHT OF VOTE PROVIDED IT FIRST UNEQUIVOCALLY ACCEPTS THE  
COMPETENCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITHIN THE TERMS

THE CHARTER TO TAKE ACTION ON THE =

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KOREAN QUESTION STOP UNQUOTE PARA HIGHEST CONSIDERATION =

U THANT, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS +

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