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Summary:

On behalf of the government of the Republic of Korea, Minister of Foreign Affairs Choi Kyu Hah reaffirms the ROK's adherence to the purposes and principles of the UN, acceptance of UN authority on the Korean Question, and concern for North Korea's defiance of UN purposes, principles, and authority to the General Assembly of the UN.

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SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND
REHABILITATION OF KOREA;

REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND
REHABILITATION OF KOREA

Letter dated 1 October 1969 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Korea addressed to the
Secretary-General of the United Nations

With respect to the Question of Korea (agenda item 99, twenty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly), I have the honour to submit the statement of the Government of the Republic of Korea dated 26 September 1969.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the statement as an official document of the General Assembly.

Please accept, ^{etc.} ~~Excellency, the assurances of my~~
highest consideration.

(Signed): Kyu Hah Choi

Kyu Hah Choi
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

26 September 1969

With reference to the forthcoming deliberation by the General Assembly on the Question of Korea, I have the honour to reaffirm the Republic of Korea's full adherence to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

It has been repeatedly declared by the General Assembly that "the United Nations, under the Charter, is fully and rightfully empowered to take collective action to maintain peace and security and to extend its good offices in seeking a peaceful settlement in Korea in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter" (resolution 2466 (XXIII), 20 December 1968). I wish to state that the Republic of Korea continues to accept unequivocally the competence and authority of the United Nations within the terms of the Charter to take action on the Korean Question.

The Republic of Korea, established through the free and general election duly supervised by the United Nations Commission in 1948 (resolution 112 (II), 14 November 1947) and therefore recognized by the United Nations as the only lawful Government in Korea (resolution 195 (III), 12 December 1948), has wholeheartedly co-operated with the United Nations in the

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achievement of the above-mentioned objectives.

It is a matter of deep regret to free people everywhere that, in contrast with this position of the Republic of Korea, the Communist regime in the northern province of Korea, organized in defiance of the United Nations resolutions and thus never recognized by the United Nations, refused to allow the United Nations to supervise elections in the north in 1948 and in fact has never submitted itself to the free will of even the people under its control. It is also a source of regret that the regime in north Korea continues to reject the competence and authority of the United Nations to concern itself with the Korean Question.

It is our earnest hope that the twenty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly will continue to exert its utmost efforts toward the solution of the Korean Question on the basis of the fair and reasonable principles so clearly defined in the relevant resolutions of the United Nations.

(Signed): *Kyu Hah Choi*

Kyu Hah Choi
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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