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**Summary:**

Notes on an informal meeting between IOC President Samaranch (with IOC Vice President Siperco) and members of North Korea's Olympic Committee. They discuss plans and agendas for an upcoming meeting between the Olympic Committees of North and South Korea.

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INFORMAL MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DELEGATION OF THE NOC OF  
DPR KOREA

Tuesday, 7th January 1986  
Château de Vidy - 18.15 hours

Present for the IOC :

H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio SAMARANCH, IOC President  
Mr. Alexandru SIPERCO, IOC Vice-President

Present for the NOC of the DPR Korea :

Mr. Yu Sun KIM, IOC member in DPR Korea and President of the NOC  
Mr. Chung Guk CHIN, Vice-President of the NOC of DPR Korea  
Interpreter of the delegation

The IOC President welcomed the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the informal meeting, commenting that the second meeting between the two Korean NOCs and the IOC would take place in the same manner as the first one last October.

The delegation, head by Mr. Yu Sun Kim, IOC member in DPR Korea and President of the NOC of the DPR Korea, confirmed that they had received the documents which would be discussed during the forthcoming two days' meetings. Confirmation was also given regarding receipt of the agenda and the programme of the meetings.

The IOC President pointed out that the agenda would only be followed for the bilateral meeting between the IOC delegation and that of the NOC of North or South Korea. He informed the delegation that the points of the agenda could be dealt with in any order, but stressed that the points should be followed carefully and each one should be discussed in detail in order that progress may be made.

The IOC President read out the programme of the meetings which would be followed for the next two days, to which the delegation of the NOC of the DPR Korea had no objections.

During the full meeting with both delegations, the IOC President pointed out that each NOC's delegation would be entitled to six representatives seated at the table and three others present in the room. As far as the bilateral meeting was concerned, the IOC had no objection if the NOC delegation wished to have more advisors present in the room.

The delegation of the NOC of DPR Korea asked whether it would be possible for the two parties to be positioned face to face across the table rather than at each end during the bilateral discussions. The IOC President pointed out that the meeting was presided by the IOC and as the IOC President he was obliged to sit at the head of the table. However, if this posed a problem, the layout of the meeting could be changed, which the NOC delegation considered was not necessary.

Mr. Yu Sun Kim expressed his hopes for the success of the forthcoming meeting and took the opportunity to thank the IOC President and the IOC delegation which had

attended the previous meeting for their efforts regarding North Korea's participation in the 1988 Olympic Games. He stressed that his delegation would do its utmost in order to ensure that the Olympic Games were a successful international festival.

Whilst admitting that existing differences between the delegation, Mr. Yu Sun Kim felt that through co-operation and discussions during the forthcoming meetings, these differences could be diminished, if not settled.

In reply to the delegation of the NOC of the DPR Korea, the IOC President stated that if it was necessary to extend the discussions this could be done. Having already visited Pyong-Yang on two previous occasions he was well aware of the travel involved and if more time was necessary on this occasion it would be granted.

The meeting closed at 18.30 hours.