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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 =

P5 =

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 =

P8/16 =

KOREAN QUESTION STOP UNQUOTE PARA HIGHEST CONSIDERATION =

U THANT, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS +

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