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**Request to Include Item in Twenty-Fourth Session of
UN General Assembly Agenda, 'Need to Put an End
to the Discussion in the United Nations on the
Unification of Korea'**

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Summary:

Eighteen member states request the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Need to Put an End to the Discussion in the United Nations on the Unification of Korea" in the agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly. The item calls for the stop of discussion on the unification of Korea in the General Assembly due to the lack of resolution in the Korean division, its creation of more complications, violation of international law, lack of moral authority, and self-determination of the Korean people to solve the unification problem by themselves.

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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN
THE AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

NEED TO PUT AN END TO THE DISCUSSION IN THE UNITED NATIONS ON
THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA

Letter dated 5 November 1969 from the representatives of Algeria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Congo (Brazzaville), Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Mali, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Southern Yemen, Sudan, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

On the instructions of our Governments, we have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, as an urgent and important matter, of an additional item entitled: "Need to put an end to the discussion in the United Nations on the unification of Korea".

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In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, this request is accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. For more than twenty years the United Nations has been discussing the so-called question of the unification of Korea, on the basis of the report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea. It is obvious, however, that such discussions have not contributed to a solution of the problem and that the Korean nation remains artificially divided.
2. Not only has the discussion of the unification of Korea complicated the solution of the problem and created new obstacles, but its annual repetition is damaging to the prestige of the United Nations, especially in view of the fact that the United Nations Charter itself, in Article 2 (7), expressly prohibits intervention in the internal affairs of States.
3. The elementary principles of international law have been seriously violated by the refusal to issue an unconditional invitation to the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a party which is directly concerned, to participate in the General Assembly's discussion of the problems which concern Korea. This discriminatory attitude has been condemned by numerous representatives of Member States.
4. In addition, the United Nations lacks the moral authority to take part in this matter, since its flag has been and is being used by United States troops and troops of other countries which are occupying the territory of South Korea and using it for, among other things, their acts of provocation against the territory of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
5. It is our firm conviction that the Korean people can by its own efforts achieve the peaceful and independent unification of the country. To this end foreign intervention in its internal affairs must cease and the people's sovereign right to self-determination must be recognized.
6. The General Assembly would be contributing to the cause of international peace and security if, at the present session, it decided to put an end to the discussion of the unification of Korea, which in the course of more than two decades has achieved no positive results. To do so would create more favourable conditions for the solution of the Korean problem.