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Summary:

A description of North Korea's stance towards solving the Korean reunification problem, especially in relation with foreign attention to domestic political issues of South Korea.

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To Comrade Ambassador Vasile Sandru,

During a discussion with comrade counselor C. Georgescu, the Counselor of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Embassy said the following.

The recent initiatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's leadership to restart the dialogue with South Korea to solve the reunification problem in a peaceful and democrat manner follow the rationale below:

- The peaceful and democratic reunification is a desire of the population of North Korea and South Korea. Considering the changes in the leadership of South Korea, the initiatives are designed to urge and encourage the fight of the democratic forces and the masses, for a democratic renewal, for a new policy to deal with the national problem.

- The state of tension in international affairs, especially in Asia, is encouraging the Korean reactionary forces and the American imperialists to make the new leadership of South Korea follow the policy of former president Park. This will increase the tension in this area as well.

It is in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's interest that the geographic area of the Far East is now drawn into the politics and the global confrontation of the great powers.

Considering the state of the country, the fragility of the situation in the area, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea remained neutral towards the situation in Afghanistan, reaffirming the principles which the policy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is based on. It emphasized on the decision to act in order to protect the independence and sovereignty [of countries], to solve the national problem in a peaceful and democratic manner, without foreign interference. The recent initiative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea follows the same path.

The Korean diplomat highlighted that the feedback and support for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's initiative found in Romania are greatly appreciated in Pyongyang.

Signed,
Gheorghe Tache.