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Question: Comrade President, the proposal for founding the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo that you advanced at the Sixth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea last year enjoys the support of all the Korean people, the Chinese people and the world at large. It is considered a very fair means of achieving the reunification of Korea.

We would like to hear your views, Comrade President, as to how this proposal can be put into effect at an early date.

Answer: Our proposal for founding the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo is that Korea be reunified into an independent, democratic, neutral and non-aligned state by establishing a unified national government on condition that the north and the south recognize and tolerate each other's ideas and social systems, a government in which the two sides are represented on an equal footing.

This proposal reflects the fundamental interests and desires of our nation and takes into consideration, without prejudice, the interests of the two zones—the north and the south. This proposal is also in accord with the wishes of the peace-loving people of the world who oppose war and desire peace.

Now, what needs to be done to put this proposal into effect at an early date?

What is of prime importance is to achieve the great unity of the whole nation.

Only the united might of the nation can surmount all the obstacles that stand in the path of national reunification and guarantee the founding of the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo.

To bring about the great unity of the whole nation, it is necessary to transcend differences in ideas, ideology, social systems and political views and take the correct stand of placing the common interests of the nation above all else and subordinating everything to the sacred cause of national reunification.

We do not think that the differences in ideas and ideology, social systems and religious beliefs should in any way be an obstacle to unity in the cause of reunification.

Nobody should be taken issue with about his past and present so long as he prizes the future of the nation; he must be enlisted in the effort to save and reunify the country.

To achieve the great unity of our nation and establish a federal state, it is imperative that the present system of fascist rule in south Korea, under which the institution of one-man dictatorship is being consolidated and all political adversaries disposed of behind the pretext of the fictitious “threat of southward invasion,” be abolished and replaced by social democracy.

As long as the military fascist regime, which is sowing discord and fostering antagonism and confrontation within the nation, remains in power in south Korea, national reconciliation and unity cannot be achieved nor can any

positive proposal for national reunification be realized.

In south Korea all the evil fascist laws and all the apparatus of repression must be swept away. The democrats and patriots who were arrested and imprisoned without warrant must be set free. The freedom of individuals, parties, and social organizations to take part in political activities must be guaranteed.

The military fascist “regime” of south Korea should be replaced with a democratic government which will defend the wishes and interests of the broad masses of the people.

In order to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea, it is imperative to relax tensions and remove the danger of war in our country.

As we have already repeatedly made plain, we have no intention to “invade the south” nor do we want a war.

However, the south Korean military fascists are importing large quantities of military equipment and destructive weapons from abroad, stepping up war preparations and exacerbating tensions under the pretext of the so-called “threat of southward invasion,” a pretext which has already revealed its illusory nature to the whole world.

As long as there are tensions and the threat of war, there is no way in which a genuine unity of the nation and a peaceful reunification of the country can be achieved.

Only by replacing the Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement can the tensions be relaxed and the threat of war eliminated in our country.

The US authorities should accept in an attitude of sincerity our proposal to conclude a peace agreement and withdraw all their troops from south Korea as soon as possible.

Today, the tensions on the Korean peninsula pose a grave threat to the peace and security of Asia and the world.

We will continue in the future to make strenuous efforts in conjunction with the people of the world to relax the tensions and remove the threat of war in Korea.

In order to realize the proposal for founding the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo, the United States must be prevented from pursuing the “two Koreas” policy, which encourages the south Korean fascists and aims at the division of Korea, and from interfering in Korea’s internal affairs.

The United States must not only abandon its “two Koreas” policy but renounce all interference in the internal affairs of Korea and stop presenting obstacles to the solution of our reunification question.

In accelerating the founding of the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo, it is a matter of pressing urgency to conduct in south Korea and abroad a full-scale nationwide patriotic campaign in support of our proposal.

We take the view that it is important for representatives of various circles that want reunification from the north, the south and abroad to have contact and dialogue with each other to unfold the patriotic movement of the whole nation

for reunification.

Just is the cause of our nation to found the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo.

It is not only all the Korean people in north and south who welcome and support this proposal but all the peace-loving people of the world.

With the active support and encouragement of the Chinese people and peoples all over the world, our whole nation, by uniting in a determined struggle, will surely frustrate the “two Koreas” plot of the partitionists and establish the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo and thus achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Question: The non-aligned movement is, at present, a major force against imperialism, old and new colonialism, and dominationist forces in the international arena. The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea plays an important role in this movement.

What should be done to further develop the non-aligned movement? We want to hear your opinion, Comrade President, as to what difficulties now lie in the way of this movement’s advance and how they can be surmounted.

Answer: As you have rightly pointed out, the non-aligned movement is a progressive movement against all forms of domination and enslavement and for independence; it is a powerful contemporary revolutionary

force which stands opposed to imperialism.

This movement, however, is now undergoing a series of trials and tribulations that have been generated by imperialism and all the dominationist forces.

Imperialism and these forces are locked in fierce rivalries in attempting to sow discord and division among the non-aligned countries and drag them into their spheres of domination.

They are craftily taking advantage of border problems, which are hangovers from colonial rule, and other complicated problems, to drive wedges between non-aligned countries and to set them against each other by fostering hostility and antagonism.

Under the pretext of offering “support” and “protection” they are also vying with each other in involving themselves in the disputes between non-aligned countries and openly interfering in them in an effort to bring these countries under their own control. As a result, a very complicated situation has developed within the non-aligned movement.

One dispute after another is breaking out between non-aligned countries and some of them are trying to settle their disputes by force of arms. Now disputes are developing into wars as opposed to localized armed conflicts.

Imperialism and all dominationist forces are intervening in the disputes and this is making the situation all the more serious.

Within the non-aligned movement itself, there are

attempts to divert the movement from its path and lead it onto another road.

Unless this situation is remedied, the non-aligned movement cannot develop.

At present, the non-aligned countries are faced with the urgent task of effectively overcoming the difficulties which have cropped up within the movement and further expanding and developing it.

If this task is to be fulfilled, it is of vital importance that all the non-aligned countries abide strictly by the fundamental principles of this movement.

All the non-aligned countries must maintain firm adherence to independence. They must on no account join or be dragged into any bloc nor must they create division within the non-aligned movement or form a new bloc.

The non-aligned countries must observe the principles of complete equality and noninterference in each other's internal affairs and must strengthen their unity and cooperation.

In particular, the non-aligned countries must not resort to force of arms against each other or escalate disputes into military conflicts.

They must not be misled by the schemes of the imperialists and dominationists to sow discord and division into antagonizing and fighting one another but must unite closely.

They should not only unite firmly politically but also cooperate closely in economy and technology.

They should actively struggle for the disbandment of all military blocs, the dismantling of all foreign military bases, the withdrawal of all aggressive troops from all foreign territories, and the establishment of nuclear-free, peace zones in all parts of the world.

They should strive jointly to destroy the inequitable and unreasonable old economic order, the root cause of international exploitation, and establish a new one.

In the context of international political relations, also, they should struggle to deprive the imperialist powers of their privileges and arbitrariness.

When all the non-aligned countries do this, I believe that the non-aligned movement will expand and develop into an invincible force and fulfil its historic mission.

Question: The friendly relations between the Parties, Governments and peoples of China and Korea are continuing to develop favourably.

Comrade President, would you tell us how to further cement and develop the friendship between China and Korea?

Answer: Korea and China are neighbours linked by a common mountain and river. For a long time, their peoples have been close comrades-in-arms and class brothers whose destinies are bound up with each other, sharing triumph and sorrow in the arduous struggle for national liberation, class liberation, socialist revolution and construction.

The Korean and Chinese peoples have always shared their sorrow and joy, supported each other and cooperated closely with each other in the course of the struggle for the common cause.

The history of Korea-China friendship is a brilliant one with long traditions and countless unforgettable and stirring events. It is a living example of proletarian internationalism.

No force on earth can destroy the great friendship between the Korean and Chinese peoples, which was sealed in blood in the flames of the arduous revolutionary struggle and has withstood all the trials of history.

We treasure this friendship immensely.

In the future, we will make every effort to continue to develop the friendship in all fields of politics, economy and culture between our two Parties and two peoples that are bonded together by class fraternity and comradeship.

We will always march forward shoulder to shoulder with the Communist Party and people of China in the struggle for the victory of the common cause of socialism and communism, holding aloft the banner of anti-imperialism, independence and proletarian internationalism.

The friendship between the Parties and peoples of Korea and China will flow as eternal as the Amnok River and be evergreen as the pine trees on the Changbai mountains.