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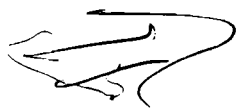
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Remarks by
President Kim Young Sam
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At a Joint Press Conference
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President Bill Clinton
of the
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Following
Their Summit Talks

November 23, 1993
The White House
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distinguished members of the news media.

First of all, I would like to thank President Clinton from the bottom of my heart for the warm hospitality he has extended to me.

I first met President Clinton in Seoul last July, then in Seattle only a few days ago. I am delighted to meet him for the third time in such a short time. It is just like seeing an old friend again.

Since President Clinton has already explained the outcome of our talks in detail, I would only like to add a few more points.

First of all, President Clinton forcefully reaffirmed the unwavering U.S. commitment to the security of the Republic of Korea. He also made it clear that there will be no reductions in the U.S. military presence in the peninsula and unless the North Korean nuclear issue is resolved

we decided to keep in close consultation on how best to preserve the peace and security of the Korean Peninsula. I expressed my welcome and support for the President's firm strategy of forward deployment in the Asia-Pacific region, including Korea.

We agreed that it would be unwise to further delay resolving the North Korean nuclear issue, because this issue poses a real threat not only to the security of the Republic of Korea but also to the international non-proliferation regime. In light of the great concern of the international community over the North Korean nuclear issue, President Clinton and I decided to make every possible effort to completely resolve it. We both highlighted our two countries' close cooperation on this matter thus far and have agreed to work even more closely together.

We agreed that the Dialogue for Economic Cooperation that we set in motion at our summit meeting in Seoul last July is now functioning well. Both of us expect that this apparatus will soon chart more concrete medium and long-term plans for mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation.

I emphasized to President Clinton that Korea's policies of building a

New economy focus on internationalization as central to its developmental strategy and goals. I noted that these policies will further expand our bilateral economic cooperation.

I celebrated the success of the APEC Leaders Economic Meeting held in Seattle over the weekend and expressed my deep appreciation for President Clinton's leadership in pulling it off.

We agreed that this landmark meeting signaled the arrival of an era of Asia-Pacific cooperation. We decided to work closely together to further energize APEC with the aim of creating a new Pacific community.

I am very satisfied with our talks today. My belief is that this summit will give a major impetus to developing a higher level of Korean-American partnership.

In conclusion, I once more thank President Clinton for the hospitality and kindness that he has accorded me and my delegation.

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President and Mrs. Clinton, distinguished guests,

I am deeply grateful to President and Mrs. Clinton for this sumptuous dinner for myself, my wife and the members of my party, and I also thank you for your kind words. I had a very pleasant and amicable time with President Clinton in Seoul last July. Through my several meetings with him then, I was very impressed with his frank and unpretentious personality and excellent leadership and passion for the American people.

The APEC Leaders Economic Meeting held in Seattle last week was a very timely and important event for the many countries of the Asia-Pacific region which is emerging as the global economic center. I believe that it signalled the quiet but certain opening of the Asia-Pacific age. I would like to take this opportunity as one of the leaders in the region to thank President Clinton for having successfully sponsored that important meeting and to congratulate him.

America and Korea have been endeavoring to carry out the changes and reforms necessary to adapt to the rapidly changing world. I sincerely hope that the efforts under the leadership of President Clinton to make the future better for America will be successful. As a fellow reformer in these fast changing times, I feel a renewed sense of kinship and solidarity with President Clinton.

At the same time, I would like to reaffirm here that our people fervently hope that the United States of America will remain a world leader and our powerful ally. It is my firm conviction that as we both treasure the common values and systems of liberal democracy and market economics, our two peoples will be able to build an exemplary partnership.

Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton, distinguished guests,

The deep relationship between our two nations has not been built overnight. This solid friendship has been based upon the sweat and blood of so many people who endeavored to promote understanding and

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interaction over a long period of time, as illustrated by the noble sacrifices of young Americans who fought in the Korean War for freedom as well as the devotion of the American Peace Corps volunteers.

One such person is Ambassador James Laney, who has recently assumed his post in Korea. Ambassador Laney was an Army lieutenant in the U.S. expeditionary force that landed in Korea in 1945. Later, he contributed greatly to the development of the Republic of Korea through educational and missionary endeavors.

I firmly believe that such deep-rooted ties between our two peoples underpin our alliance and partnership. I know that our gathering here this evening vividly symbolizes this close relationship.

I had the honor of receiving the Averell Harriman Democracy Award yesterday. The American people have steadfastly supported and encouraged democratic development in Korea, and I believe that this award is the embodiment of both the congratulations and encouragement they send to our people. It also reflects the firm bonds of friendship between our two peoples.

Our Korean forebears held to the simple truth that only a deep well never runs dry. I now believe that we should carefully preserve the deep well that will continue to nourish the bonds between our peoples in the years to come. This is, of course, the well of democracy and liberty.

Distinguished guests,

When President Clinton visited Seoul last July, he spoke about the spring of hope and the spring of democracy. Here we are having a season of harvest and a season of thanksgiving.

In hopes that both our peoples have a great harvest, please join me in a toast to the good health of President and Mrs. Clinton and to the everlasting friendship and prosperity of the peoples of the United States of America and the Republic of Korea.

Thank you.

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PROPOSED REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KIM
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

GOOD AFTERNOON. PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG SAM AND I BECAME GOOD FRIENDS DURING MY VISIT TO SEOUL LAST JULY, SO I AM DELIGHTED TO RETURN HIS GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY HERE IN WASHINGTON. OUR DISCUSSIONS TODAY WERE OPEN, FAR-RANGING, AND PRODUCTIVE -- TYPICAL OF THE CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE ARE ALLIES AND PARTNERS WORKING FOR PEACE, STABILITY, AND PROSPERITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, IN THE PACIFIC REGION, AND ELSEWHERE. PRESIDENT KIM AND I HAVE BEEN DEEPENING AND EXPANDING AN ALREADY SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP.

PRESIDENT KIM HAS FOR DECADES BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE KOREAN DEMOCRACY. HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT I WAS, AND HAS ALSO BEGUN AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM OF DOMESTIC REFORM. WE ADMIRE HIS BOLD STEPS TO INCREASE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND INSTITUTIONALIZE DEMOCRACY IN KOREA.

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OUR COUNTRIES HAVE WORKED TOGETHER CLOSELY TO RESOLVE DOUBTS ABOUT NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS. PRESIDENT KIM AND I REVIEWED THE RECENT RECORD OF UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH THE NORTH AIMED AT SECURING ITS FULL COMPLIANCE WITH NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION OBLIGATIONS. THOUGH DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED BY NORTH KOREA'S INTRANSIGENCE, WE AGREED THAT AS LONG AS THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WE CAN RESOLVE THIS DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS ISSUE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PERSEVERE. HOWEVER, IF NORTH KOREA CONTINUES TO REFUSE NECESSARY INSPECTIONS, AND REFUSES TO RESUME ITS DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH KOREA ON NUCLEAR ISSUES, WE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDER OTHER STEPS.

WE WILL EQUALLY SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S PATIENT EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE DECEMBER 1991 INTER-KOREAN RECONCILIATION AND DE-NUCLEARIZATION AGREEMENTS.

AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO KOREA'S SECURITY IS UNDIMINISHED. IT UNDERPINS OUR RELATIONSHIP. OUR ALLIANCE CONTRIBUTES TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY NOT ONLY OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA, BUT OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AS A WHOLE. MY ADMINISTRATION WILL MAINTAIN A SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY PRESENCE IN KOREA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION. BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY OVER NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS, I TODAY REAFFIRMED TO PRESIDENT KIM OUR INTENTION TO MAINTAIN U.S. TROOP STRENGTH IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT CURRENT LEVELS FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

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WE ALSO WELCOME KOREA'S DETERMINATION TO LIBERALIZE AND INTERNATIONALIZE ITS ECONOMY. PRESIDENT KIM HAS LAUNCHED A MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE TREATMENT OF FOREIGN INVESTORS, TO OPEN FINANCIAL MARKETS, AND TO STRENGTHEN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION. JUST AS IMPORTANT ARE MEASURES THAT WILL REDUCE REGULATION, MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE PREDICTABLE AND TRANSPARENT, AND REMOVE INFORMAL BARRIERS TO IMPORTS. PRESIDENT KIM HAS WAGED AN UNRELENTING AND SO FAR EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL WAR ON CORRUPT ACTIVITY. SUCH REFORMS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF KOREA'S OWN DEVELOPMENT GOALS. THEY WILL MAKE KOREA A MORE ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO DO BUSINESS, ENHANCING OUR ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. WE ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING THIS GOAL IN THE DIALOGUE FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS THUS FAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE CONCRETE RESULTS OF OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS.

IN SEATTLE, AT THE APEC LEADERS' CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT KIM AND I JOINED IN ARTICULATING A COMMON VISION OF THE FUTURE OF THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION. THE "NEW DIPLOMACY" THAT THE ROK UNVEILED LAST MAY STRESSES REGIONAL SECURITY, MARKET OPENING, AND SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER UNIVERSAL VALUES. IT RESONATES CLOSELY WITH THE "NEW PACIFIC COMMUNITY" CONCEPT I OUTLINED WHEN I SPOKE TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN SEOUL. WE SHARE THESE GOALS: TO ELIMINATE TRADE BARRIERS; TO INTEGRATE

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THE DYNAMIC ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIES -- WHICH INCLUDE OUR OWN, OF COURSE -- MORE CLOSELY; TO PURSUE A DIALOGUE ON POST-COLD WAR CHALLENGES WITH ALL NATIONS OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION; AND TO FOSTER AMONG THEM HABITS OF COOPERATION AND MORE NORMAL POLITICAL RELATIONS, IRRESPECTIVE OF PAST ENMITIES OR IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES.

BY ANY MEASURE, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS EMERGED AS A MAJOR PLAYER ON THE WORLD SCENE -- ITS DEMOCRATIC REFORMS, POLITICAL REFORMS, AND ECONOMIC SUCCESSES ARE ADMIRER AND STUDIED BY MANY OTHER COUNTRIES. THE CLOSE PARTNERSHIP OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE FORGED HAS IN RECENT YEARS MOVED TO A PLANE OF EQUALITY. WE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S GREATER PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SHARED VALUES ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.