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The attached text of the press release of 14 February 1994 issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines on the issue of inspections of nuclear sites in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is being circulated to Member States at the request of the Permanent Mission of the Philippines.

PRESS RELEASE

**SECRETARY ROMULO REITERATES CALL
FOR DIALOGUE OVER NUCLEAR ISSUE IN
THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (DPRK)**

Secretary of Foreign Affairs Roberto R. Romulo today reiterated his call for continued dialogue between the Republic of Korea (ROK), the DPRK, and the United States on the issue of nuclear inspection. Secretary Romulo issued his statement amid

reports that the DPRK government has issued statements which indicate their willingness to discuss the issue of inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of nuclear sites in the DPRK. The Secretary added that the Philippine Government welcomes this latest development.

The Philippines had earlier called on all the parties concerned to continue their dialogue. The DPRK had previously taken a hard line against inspection, leading to talk that some countries would ask the United Nations Security Council to authorize sanctions against the DPRK.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA, of which the Philippines is a member, will meet on 21 February 1994 to discuss the issue of inspection.

Secretary Romulo added that, as part of the region and as a member of the Board of Governors of the IAEA, the Philippines views with serious concern the developments in the Korean peninsula but was hopeful that a just, peaceful and meaningful resolution of the issue would be achieved. He expressed hope that the issue will be resolved without having to resort to sanctions or other forceful measures. He added that the Philippines will continue to watch these developments very closely.

14 February 1994, Manila