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POSITION OF THE DELEGATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT THE XI SPECIAL
CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY

The Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea supports regulations planned for the protection of the Antarctic environment and ecology, because their intentions and objectives are to convert the Antarctic into a natural and scientific reserve.

We are certain that this Special Consultative Meeting will be a major event to speed the birth of new international juridical regulations to ensure environmental and ecological protection of the Antarctic through adequate consultation.

The strengthening of regulations on the environmental protection of the Antarctic fully coincides with Antarctic Treaty objectives and United Nations resolutions regarding environmental protection, as well as with mankind's wish to live peacefully and in an unpolluted world.

Today, the world environment is deteriorating as a result of physical, chemical and military impacts, and the last pollution-free area i.e., the Antarctic environment, is faced with a dangerous situation of destruction as a result of human activities and various ever-increasing specific reasons.

As an expression of our deep concern for degradation of the Antarctic environment we fervently hope that new international regulations will be established with the purpose of preventing the destruction of the Antarctic environment.

Therefore, the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea presents the following opinions on regulations for protecting the Antarctic environment to be established at a future date.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea for whom environmental protection is an important policy, considers:

First, the new regulations for protection of the Antarctic environment should include a major control function and the power of legal restriction aimed at protecting the Antarctic environment which should reflect the intentions and objectives of the Antarctic Treaty.

Second, the regulations mentioned should include an Article banning all types of nuclear explosions, even if they are intended for peaceful purposes, as well as dumping radioactive ashes in the Antarctic continent.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who struggles to make the Korean Peninsula a nuclear-free and peaceful area, will actively strive to ensure that the Antarctic will remain forever a nuclear-free and unpolluted area.