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Letter dated 19 March 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Government of Costa Rica concerning the decision by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to withdraw from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the statement distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 71 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement by the Government of Costa Rica

In view of the announcement by North Korea that it is withdrawing from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, a situation which would involve a threat to South Korea, particularly the impact that it would have on the credibility of all existing agreements between the two Koreas, including the basic South-North agreement (reconciliation, non-aggression and interchange) as well as the joint declaration on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and all the implications which that would have or give rise to not only for the security of South Korea, but also for peace and international security;

In view of this delicate situation, the Government of Costa Rica urges North Korea to rescind immediately its announced decision to withdraw from the Non-Proliferation Treaty, permit the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to carry out inspections in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the IAEA Board of Governors on 25 February, and agree promptly to conduct the mutual South-North nuclear inspections referred to in the joint declaration on denuclearization.
