

**Letter dated 26 January 1994 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

(Translation)

Pyongyang, January 26, 1994

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to your letter No.89648 addressed to me concerning the request of the Director-General of the World Health Organization for an advisory opinion.

I would like to inform you that the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea considers that the use of nuclear weapons by a State in a war or other armed conflict is a clear breach of its obligations under the international conventions on the protection of environment of mankind and internationally recognized law including the Constitution of the World Health Organization aimed at the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health, the Charter of the United Nations whose objective is to ensure the world peace and security, the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency which seeks that the atomic energy should only be used for peaceful purposes including world peace and prosperity and improvement of health and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

I would like to express my expectations that the International Court of Justice will pay due attention to the common desire of human kind for a ban on the use of nuclear weapons in any case and act effectively to ensure that nuclear weapons will never be used.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Yong Nam (Signed)

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