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To: the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (to comrade Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs Ilie RĂdulescu, comrade Director Vasile Ẽandru, comrade Director Petre TĂnĂsie)

From: the Romanian Embassy in Lagos

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On May 16 1978, the 5-day visit of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Vice-President Gang Ryang-uk to Nigeria, carried out at the invitation of General Shehu Yar'Adua, the Chief of the General Staff (the second-in-command in the Nigerian political hierarchy, after the head of state). On bilateral relations, [the two officials] examined the ways for implementing the provisions of the cooperation agreement, which materialized in measures in the field of agriculture (rice crops) and technical training for Nigerian cadres (by [building] a technical training center in Nigeria).

On general, international matters, [the two officials] exchanged views on the problems of Western Africa and on the question of the peaceful reunification of Korea, noting agreement 'on most issues.'

In a public declaration, Yar'dua pointed out that 'Nigeria supports the aspirations and efforts undertaken in the direction of the peaceful reunification of Korea, in accordance with the wishes of the [majority] of the Korean people.'

Signed

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