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On the 5th anniversary of the North-South Joint Communiqué signed on July 4, 1972, in a speech by Yang Hyeong-sop, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the DPRK reaffirmed its position towards the Carter plan regarding US troop withdrawal from South Korea, wanting an immediate, total, and definitive drawback, as well as US approval for transforming the armistice in Korea into a peace treaty.

On the same occasion, the DPRK returned to its previous proposals of accepting to hold talks with the ROK provided that it ceases its repressive measures, anticommunist activity, and the 'two Koreas' policy, and ensures South Korea's democratization. We believe this reprise to be a result not so much of wanting to establish contact with the government in Seoul – since the conditions put forward by the DPRK are unacceptable to the ROK – but of countering South Korea's campaign against the DPRK, according to which the latter vehemently opposes any dialogue with the ROK and Korean reunification, implicitly.

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