

TELEGRAM 066.139

To: the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Comrade Constantin Oancea)

From: the Romanian Embassy in Beijing

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Subject: The settling of relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Spain.

As instructed, I informed the ambassador of Spain in Beijing about the wish of the North Korean ambassador to establish diplomatic relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Spain. Thanking for the message, the Spanish ambassador replied that the request would be forwarded to his home country. The problem is not simple, he said, because Spain maintains diplomatic relations with South Korea. The request could still be examined and the experience of the countries that maintain diplomatic relations with both South Korea and North Korea will be considered.

During a casual meeting, I informed the ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea about the results. The Korean ambassador was thankful and said that this represents the priceless support that the [communist] party and government in Romania and Nicolae Ceaușescu, the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania, offers to the rightful cause of the Korean people.

Signed

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