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Dear Mr. Ri Jong Ro,

Greetings of Peace!

It is with a great anxiety and concern that we receive the news these days on the increasing tensions in the Korean peninsula. As this time of uncertainty for an immediate solution to reach the goal of a more peaceful atmosphere in the Korean peninsula, the Asian churches uphold all our brothers and sisters in the Korean peninsula in our prayers. We pray to God almighty for divine intervention in overcoming the tensed situation, the suffering of the people and the threat of war.

We deeply appreciate the cooperation of the Korean Christian Federation for many years in the joint ecumenical efforts to promote peace and reunification in the Korean peninsula. We believe that this effort can only bear fruits with the support and collaboration of all parties involved in the conflict over the years, especially the countries involved in the sixparty talks.

The Christian Conference of Asia urges the governments of Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to take immediate actions to protect the security and welfare of their people and ensure peaceful existence of all. This will be achieved neither by the attitudes of prejudice and hostility nor by the acts of confrontation, but only with an open heart and mind to enter into a spirit of dialogue and co-operation. We pray that God's wisdom may inspire the leaders and the people of both nations, so that they may walk in the paths that lead to life, peace and justice.

"May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely..." (I Thessalonians 4:23.)

Yours sincerely,

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