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DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY
ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION CONCERNING NORTH KOREA

The European Union deeply deplores the expulsion by the North Korean authorities on 28 February of the Polish officers belonging to the Neutral Nations Commission.

On Tuesday 21 February the Presidency officially requested the DPRK to postpone the ultimatum.

The unilateral action by the DPRK violates the terms of the armistice agreement.

For several years the DPRK has been trying to undermine the arrangements put in place by the armistice agreement which brought the Korean war to an end.

The European Union points out that the armistice agreement cannot be modified by one party alone.

It emphasizes that no peace treaty to replace the armistice agreement can be negotiated without the involvement of the Government of the Republic of Korea.