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Without further ado, I will give the floor to President Elbegdorj, and I will ask you a question, because you did visit North Korea more than once and were very active in inter-Korean dialogue. You gave a very famous speech in Pyongyang about democracy. It is a fascinating topic to discuss there.

Tsakhia ELBEGDORJ

I had the chance to meet many people from the North Korean leadership circle, and also professors, security experts and even defectors from North Korea. I thought for some time that change could happen in North Korea. Mongolia had a similar political establishment, and now it is a free and liberal establishment, but the kind of change we made in Mongolia will never happen in North Korea in the face of this dictatorship, and I do not believe that North Korean society will change in the face of the current leadership.

Regarding the North Korean nuclear issue, there are three major factors, the first being that many people think that the North Korean leader is the only leader there, but he has very experienced elder leader team which has seen more than 10 American administrations. That is the experienced team he has. Secondly, he has the second largest economy and power in his back yard. Thirdly, North Korea as a regime has a great ability to hide things, and I know that many people think that North Korea can be rid of the nuclear bomb, which I do not believe. Thank you.

Vuk JEREMIĆ

Thank you very much, Mr. President, and thank you for being brief.