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**His Excellency
Hyun Chong Kim**

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Ambassador of Korea to the United Nations

The United Nations has been special to the people and Government of the Republic of Korea from its foundation in 1948 to its joining the UN, together with the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea in 1991, and to the adoption of a resolution on the promotion of peace, security and the unification of Korea in the year 2000.



The United Nations remains central to the foreign policy of the Republic of Korea, respecting the letter and spirit of the UN Charter for promoting peace and security, for fostering international cooperation in solving economic and social problems and for respecting human rights.

Since it joined the United Nations, the Republic of Korea has been closely engaged in all areas of the UN's work, from peacekeeping operations and disarmament to development, the environment and humanitarian affairs. Today, the Republic of Korea is the 11th largest contributor to the United Nations budget.

The Korean Mission is currently headed by H.E. Mr. KIM Hyun Chong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative.

Prior to his appointment to the U.N. Mr. Hyun Chong Kim has served as the Minister for Trade of the Republic of Korea since July 2004.

Minister Kim first joined Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 1995 as a legal advisor for the Ministry, and then made a shift in his career to work as Senior Legal Advisor for the World Trade Organization in Geneva. When he returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade four years later, he was appointed the Deputy Minister for Trade. After serving at that post a little more than one year, he took up the position of Minister for Trade in July 2004, to gear up and lead the country's trade policy into a new frontier of the 21st century.

Prior to joining the public service of the Republic of Korea, he practiced in law firms in New York and Seoul, and taught International Trade at Hong-ik University in Korea. Mr. Kim developed a deep interest in international politics which he studied at Columbia University for B.A. and M.A. He also earned a J.D. (Juris Doctor) degree from the same university in 1985.

He is married with two sons.