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Read the text carefully and answer the questions. Don't forget, you must answer only in Portuguese! Answers in English will not be considered.

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South Korea Proposes Border Talks With North Korea After Kim's Overture

South Korea on Tuesday responded to an overture from the North and proposed holding high-level talks between the countries on their border next week.

North Korea's leader, Kim Jong-un, had suggested on Monday that the countries open dialogue on easing military tensions and on the possibility of the North's participating in the Winter Olympics in the South, even as he noted that he had a "nuclear button" on his desk.

President Trump responded somewhat cautiously to Mr. Kim's overture early Tuesday, but later in the day the "nuclear button" comment drew a more robust response. In a Twitter message posted Tuesday night, Mr. Trump, referring to Mr. Kim, said: "Will someone from his depleted and food starved regime please inform him that I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & more powerful one than his, and my Button works!"

The Trump administration earlier had sent a series of mixed messages that strongly suggested it was still trying to figure out the meaning of Mr. Kim's overture and the South's response.

On Tuesday morning, President Trump responded on Twitter to the idea of inter-Korean talks, saying, "Perhaps that is good news, perhaps not - we will see!"

But the White House insisted that it had not changed its view of the efficacy of negotiations or its demands on North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons. "Our policy on North Korea hasn't changed at all," said Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House press secretary. "The United States is committed and will still continue to put maximum pressure on North Korea to change and make sure that it denuclearizes the peninsula. Our goals are the same and we share that with South Korea, but our policy and our process has not changed."

Speaking at the United Nations on Tuesday, the United States Ambassador, Nikki R. Haley, appeared to dismiss the potential for bilateral negotiations between North and South Korea.

"We won't take any of the talks seriously if they don't do something to ban all nuclear weapons in North Korea," she said. "We consider this to be a very reckless regime, we don't think we need a Band-Aid; we don't think we need to smile and take a picture. We think we need to have them stop nuclear weapons and they need to stop it now."

Heather Nauert, the State Department spokeswoman, said the Trump administration was still assessing whether the United States supported direct talks between South Korea and North Korea that excluded the United States. "Right now, if the two countries decide that they want to have talks, that would certainly be their choice," she said.

Question 1: What did South Korea propose responding an overture from the North?_____

Question 2: What is the name of North Korea's leader? _____

Question 3: Where is going to be the Winter Olympics that North Korea wants to participate?

Question 4: What was the robust response President Trump gave Mr. Kim by Tweeter?_____

Question 5: What did Mr. Trump say about the idea of inter-Korean talks?_____

Question 6: On the other hand, what the Whit House said about it?_____

Question 7: What is the name of the White House press secretary?_____

Question 8: Who wants to denuclearize the Korean peninsula?_____

Question 9: What the United States Ambassador said at the United Nations about the negotiations between Koreas?_____

Question 10: What did the State Department spokeswoman about it?_____
