

ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

Situation in the Korean Peninsula

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THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

Reaffirming that the peace and stability of the Korean Peninsula is critical for the Asia-Pacific region, and acknowledging the importance of harmonious relations between countries which the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons contributes to;

Acknowledging the importance of reconciliation and cooperation between the two Koreas through an expansion of exchanges at all levels, including the inter-Korean summit, and the flow of both commodities and people;

Noting the Resolution on the Situation of the Korean Peninsula and the Joint Communiqué adopted at the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the APPF in January 2007;

Welcoming the Joint Statement of the Six Party Talks adopted on September 19 2005, of the Declaration on the Advancement of South-North Relations, Peace and Prosperity signed by the leaders of the two Koreas on October 4, 2007 and the visit by the New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Right Honourable Winston Peters on 15 and 16 November 2007, during which DPRK officials confirmed their commitment to implementing the agreements reached under the Six Party Talks;

Noting the importance of all Six Party Talks members fulfilling their commitments in accordance with the February 13 Agreement in 2007, Second Phase Actions for the implementation of the Joint Statement adopted in 3 October 2007;

Noting the measures being taken by the DPRK and the United States of America to improve their bilateral relations and to move toward establishing full-fledged diplomatic relations;

Expressing hope that the DPRK and Japan will continue efforts to normalise their relations as soon as possible in accordance with the Pyongyang Declaration;

Recognising the importance of addressing the issue of humanitarian and people concerns of the international community;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Confirm** once again that peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula is of great importance to global stability;

2. **Reaffirm** that the six-party talks is the most viable solution for the denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula;
3. **Confirm** that the process of the Six-Party Talks must be continued and urge members to carry out the “Second Phase Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement” adopted in October 2007 to complete the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula;
4. **Call upon** the concerned parties to quickly resolve all other issues of outstanding concern flowing from the Joint Statement of 19 September 2005;
5. **Encourage** the DPRK to finalise its actions taken to report and disable all its nuclear facilities at the earliest possible time and to enter into the phase of nuclear dismantlement on an action for action basis.