Statement of Pro-Diplomacy Groups Regarding U.S. Policy Toward North Korea

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The United States has a rare opportunity to advance the twin goals of denuclearization and a lasting peace regime on the Korean Peninsula, commitments that the two nations made during their unprecedented Summit in Singapore in June 2018. With this in mind, pro-diplomacy organizations urge members of Congress to commit to the following principles as they relate to U.S.-North Korea policy:

- **Support a process with reciprocal actions** that verifiably suspends and dismantles North Korea’s nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs and addresses mutual security concerns, such as:
  - a political statement declaring an end to the Korean War,
  - building a stable and lasting peace regime on the Korean Peninsula,
  - joint US-DPRK trust-building programs such as:
    - continuing POW/MIA remains repatriation, and
    - reunions between long-divided North Korean and Korean American families.
• **Support South Korea in its efforts to improve inter-Korean relations** through confidence-building and tension reduction measures, including the commitments made in the Panmunjom Declaration in April 2018:
  ○ reduce acute military tensions
  ○ replace the armistice agreement with a peace regime
  ○ inter-Korean economic and civic projects, and
  ○ humanitarian relief efforts.

• **Oppose an unprovoked U.S. military attack on North Korea**, which could trigger full-scale -- potentially nuclear -- war, endangering the lives of tens of millions in the region, including South Koreans and Americans.

• **Support targeted sanctions relief** in exchange for concrete, verifiable actions toward denuclearization.

• **Strengthen sanctions exemptions for humanitarian activities** and maintain consistent congressional oversight on the implementation of humanitarian exemptions.

• **Support the inclusion of women, youth, and other civil society actors in ongoing negotiations.**