

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.**