

CONFERENCE STATEMENT

The Triad Track-II Dialogue on Peace-Building and Reintegration of the Korean Peninsula convened at the University of Georgia under the sponsorship of its Center for the Study of Global Issues (GLOBIS) in Athens, Georgia, U.S.A. from October 17 to October 20, 2011. The participants from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, and the United States of America affirm that discussions increased mutual understanding and reduced mistrust. They reached consensus on the following points:

1. We agree that the three countries should build trust through dialogue and promote mutual acceptance and respect for sovereignty and diverse systems.
2. We recommend that all concerned parties reaffirm their commitment to past agreements, particularly agreements entered into by heads of state.
3. We recognize the need to replace the current armistice with a permanent, comprehensive, and durable peace mechanism among all relevant parties.
4. Given the unfortunate past incidents in the West Sea, we emphasize that all concerned parties need to take necessary measures to prevent similar future occurrences.
5. We recommend that the three countries should actively pursue humanitarian cooperation in the areas of food aid, reunion of separated families, and a joint recovery program with respect to MIAs.
6. We agree that the three countries should build trust through vibrant exchange programs in such areas as economy, culture, education, and technology.

Given the important mission and tangible benefits of Track II, we encourage all involved parties to make use of it as a mechanism for fostering trust and cooperation. Implementation of these six points will be monitored in future Track-II Dialogues with a collective commitment to facilitate open and frank exchange.

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