

**Elimination of nuclear war threat is  
the Precondition of Abolition of  
Nuclear Weapons**

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First of all, let me express thanks again to the Mongolian Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear Weapons for inviting us to this meeting. Today making Northeast Asia nuclear free zone is one of the urgent issues to ensure peace and security in the world and it is the international trends. Denuclearized Northeast Asia will remove the danger of a nuclear war and will contribute to bringing about peace in Asia and rest of the world. Even though 10 years have passed since the end of the cold war, the reliance of nuclear free world while turning away their eyes to the issue of nuclear threat by nuclear weapon states, in particularly the US.

Therefore, if we desire non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and creation of nuclear free world, we should make an issue with the policy of threat of nuclear war of the US. What the non-nuclear weapon states demand is that they want unconditional assurance of not-to-use nuclear weapons from nuclear weapons state in all circumstances. Today many countries are strengthening self-defensive capabilities because any kind of arms control mechanism including NPT can not guarantee the security of non-nuclear weapons state. The denuclearization of Korean Peninsula can not be realized only by abandoning nuclear weapons program of the DPRK.

The DPRK is so small country that is under the constant military and nuclear treat of the US. At the present stage, the main point to resolve the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula is that the US should renounce the threat of nuclear war and abandon the hostile policy towards the DPRK.

The reason why the DPRK has strengthened its nuclear deterrence is entirely due to the US threat of nuclear war against the DPRK in line with hostile policy towards the DPRK.

- The continued US military presence in South Korea,
- pre-emptive nuclear strike strategy and war plans against the DPRK by the USA,
- ceaseless large-scale joint military exercises of the USA together with the south Korean army targeted at the DPRK such as "RSOI", "EAGLE", "Ulji Focus Lens" which is staging every year
- mass delivery to South Korea of all sorts of military equipment including the weapons of mass destruction into South Korea
- aerial reconnaissance by the USA for hundred times every month constitutes the major factors undermining peace and stability and aggravating tension in the Korean Peninsula.

Every nation has the right to defend itself against any kind of military attack and to take measures necessary to safeguard its independence and sovereignty of the country from foreign aggression.

The DPRK maintains its consistent position to resolve the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula peacefully through dialogue and negotiations. And to achieve denuclearization of the Korean peninsula is the ultimate goal in a peaceful manner.

Such principled stand if the DPRK was reflected in the Joint Statement of Six Party talks adopted on Sep 19, 2005 and Feb 13 2007.

The DPRK remains committed to implement all the agreed provisions of the Joint Statement in line with the principle of "action for action". It is Korea's consistent stand that the security assurance should be provided simultaneously with the renouncing the program of nuclear weapons. When normalizing relations between the DPRK makes confidence building and US and we do not feel any nuclear threat from the US, DPRK will not need any kind of nuclear deterrence. Without substantial measures being taken, it is not significant to talk about denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia. Therefore, we want the US take the decisive and practical steps to eliminate the last legacy of Cold War on the Korean Peninsula.

Today it is indispensable requirement to remove the last legacy of the Cold War on the Korean Peninsula. The armistice agreement should be turned into peace agreement treaty, which is sure guarantee for peace of Korean peninsula and the Northeast Asia and reunification of Korea.

Once it happens on the Korean Peninsula, the US hostile policy towards the DPRK and its nuclear threat would be ended. At last, it would bring about the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Our organization has always remained in supporting the all efforts to realize the nuclear free Korean Peninsula and world.

In the future, too, the Korean Anti-Nuke Peace Physicians will make active contribution to ensuring the world peace by doing possible efforts for denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.