World Summit 2022: Seoul Resolution

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Toward Sustainable Peace and Prosperity on the Korean Peninsula

- *Recognizing* that the Korean War, which started in 1950, was concluded with an armistice, not a peace treaty, leaving the once unified Korean Peninsula divided, despite being populated by a people with a common history, culture, and language;
- *Acknowledging* that the tragic conflict that resulted in approximately 3 million fatalities has left a legacy of bitter suffering and distrust between the people of the two Koreas;
- *Believing* that the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula is imperative for peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond;
- Acknowledging the path to peace must begin with a transcendent ideal that can overcome the divisions of our current world and that people-to-people connection through different religions, races or beliefs sets a key foundation for peace in family, community, nation and the world;
- *Underlining* the importance of public diplomacy, people-centric approach, and personal relationships in promoting peace and reconciliation, while acknowledging that the peace process on the Korean Peninsula shall be owned and led by the Korean people;
- Appreciating the commitment of the Founders of the Universal Peace Federation, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for their dedication over the past several decades through many initiatives aiming at promoting peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula;
- *Commending* the Universal Peace Federation, through its many programs, in particular the World Summit series, the Rally of Hope series, the International Leadership Conferences, and Think Tank 2022 Forum, for its contributions to peace, reconciliation and mutual prosperity on the Korean Peninsula;
- Acknowledging the value of UPF's collaborative and multi-sectoral approach to peace through its primary associations, such as the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), the Interreligious Association for Peace and

Development (IAPD), the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP), the International Association for Economic Development (IAED), the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), the International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP), and the International Association of Art and Culture for Peace (IAACP);

- *Recognizing* that the UPF's World Summit series contribute to the advancement of sustainable peace, stability and mutual prosperity on the Korean Peninsula;
- Appreciating the outstanding work of the UPF's Co-Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and the Co-Chairs of World Summit 2022, Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Laureate of the Sunhak Peace Prize 2022, and H.E. Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General (2007-2016) of the United Nations;
- *Acknowledging* the dedication and contribution of Samdech Techo Hun Sen to the peace, prosperity and progress in the Mekong region and the advancement of the ASEAN Community; and
- *Underlining* the tremendous value of the World Summit 2022, the Interfaith Summit, the Global Assembly of the ISCP, the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony, and the Million Rally for Peace.

We, current and former Heads of State/Government, Parliamentarians, high-level representatives, religious leaders, academicians, business and media leaders, First Ladies, women leaders, and artists participating in the World Summit 2022, resolved to work collaboratively to:

- Urge the two Koreas and the international community to pursue bilateral and multilateral diplomatic approaches to avoiding military confrontations, maintaining and promoting peace, stability and predictability, and increasing mutual understanding and confidence towards a complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;
- Call upon parties concerned to pursue constructive dialogue with mutual respect and acknowledgment of each other's security interests and concern based on the shared cultural heritage of the two Koreas;
- Promote confidence-building measures, trust-building programs, and preventive diplomacy involving major stakeholders working on the Korean Peninsula;
- Call upon all parties concerned to officially end the 'state-of-war' mindset and to work together to support President Moon Jae-in's appeal for an end to the Korean War in order to open a new chapter for culture of peace and non-violence;
- Offer proposals and platforms for constructive dialogue and consultation based on the spirit of friendship and brotherhood that serve the interests of the Korean people and build a pathway towards a peace treaty on the Korean Peninsula;
- Explore ways to turn the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) into a peace park through the deployment of non-military personnel as peace guardians and joint development of cultural corridors and tourism projects to promote mutual prosperity of the two Koreas;
- Encourage concerning parties to develop cooperation projects in tourism, sports, culture, and education in the DPRK and beyond;
- Promote multi-sectoral development frameworks to enhance food security and public health cooperation between the Korean Peninsula and the Mekong region and beyond through the Mekong Peace Park project;
- Work towards the normalization of the relations between the two Koreas so that the people will be able to reap the maximum benefits of the untapped potentials that both states have to offer, in particular in political, economic, cultural, humanitarian, healthcare, educational, social (youth and sports), and infrastructure areas;
- Strengthen multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration on cultural connectivity and digital and creative industries to leverage the pivotal role of the international community in promoting peace, stability and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula;
- Encourage the international community to support the principles of zero tolerance for war, mutual security assurance and joint prosperity and to make continued efforts to advance peaceful resolution and a new culture of reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula;
- Support a "Two States Toward One Nation: One Peninsula, One People, One Culture"

initiative by promoting people-to-people ties and cultural assets and heritage to serve as a bridge of trust connecting the two Koreas;

- Support the construction of the "Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel" as a medium of regional integration, connectivity and peace;
- Explore a possibility for joint business venture projects between the two Koreas and with other major economic stakeholders as well as collaboration with other international organizations such as the G20, ASEAN and others;
- Work towards the realization of the Asia Pacific Union (APU), which was adopted at the Asia Pacific Summit in Phnom Penh in 2019 through the Mekong Asia-Pacific Initiative (MAPI);
- Reaffirm the principle of mutual respect, mutual understanding, mutual trust and mutual interest for peace and prosperity (M4P2) and the promotion of international order based on the UN Charter and international law; and
- Establish a partnership committee consisting of members of the Think Tank 2022, UPF associations, and other stakeholders to carry out an action plan for the peace projects and other proposals to be adopted in contributing to the realization of sustainable peace, prosperity, and progress on the Korean Peninsula and beyond.

This Resolution is adopted and signed on this day, February 13, 2022, in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, at the World Summit 2022.