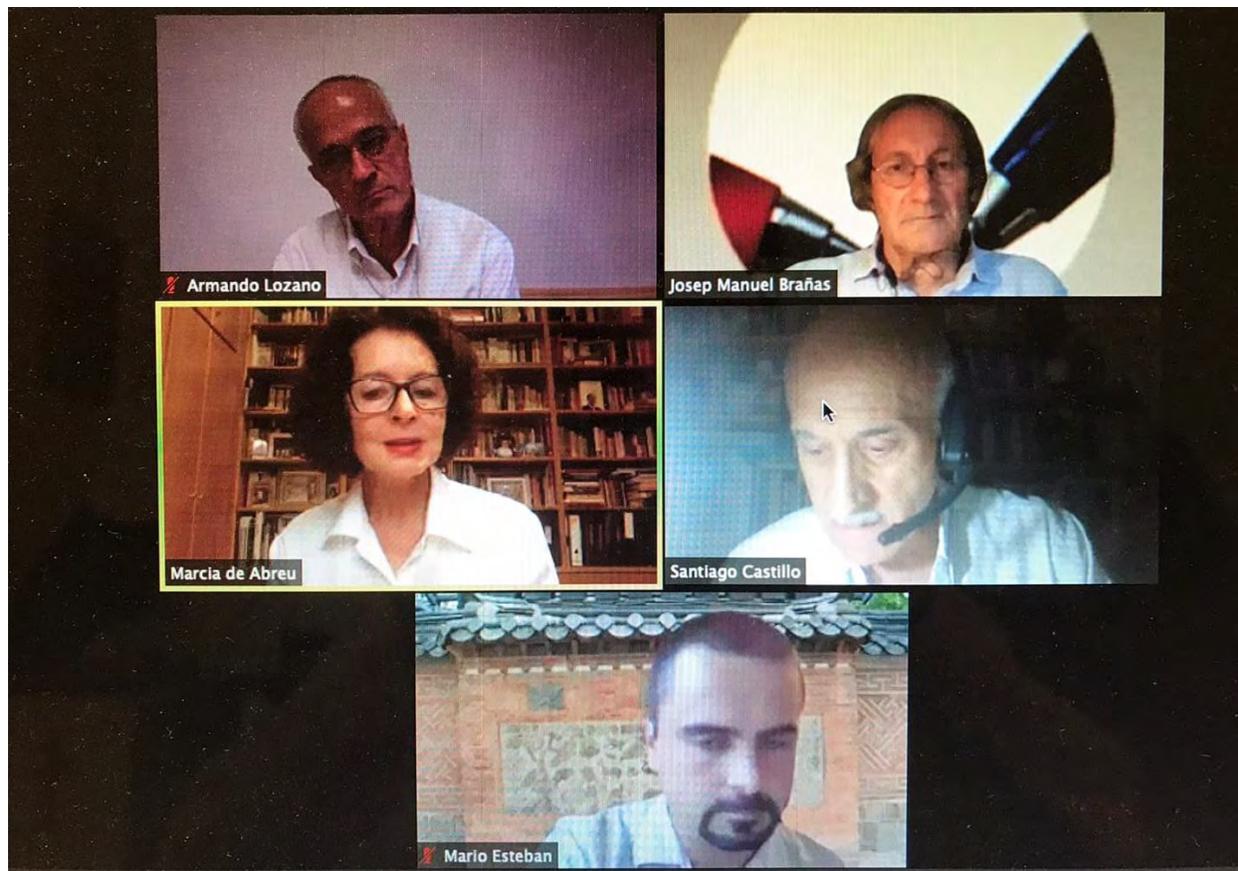


WFWP Spain: South Korea: Proposals to Advance Peaceful Reunification

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The Korean War broke out in June 1950. 70 years have passed since then, 72 years since the Korean Peninsula was divided by the world powers of USSR and EUA along the 38th parallel.

In the year 2000, the Presidents of North and South Korea signed a Joint Treaty between the two Koreas, giving hope to a process of peaceful reunification. However, the status quo doesn't show any deceleration of the tension in the Peninsula.

Many debates, conferences, round tables and projects have taken place with the intent to develop a vision for peace in the Peninsula. Many think that the peaceful reunification/reconciliation of the North and South Koreas would be a precursor to finding solutions to the many conflicts in the world.

In this round table, we invited speakers whose ideas and proposals, given their passion to the topic and years of dedicated study, contributed to understanding better a possible reconciliation between the North and the South Koreas.

Armando Lozano introduced UPF, explaining about the Founders', Rev. and Mrs. Moon's, work for reunification, the investment the UC movement has contributed within the Peninsula, and North Korea's response so far, which has always been of respect and consideration towards the Founders.

The three guest speakers concluded that this is a time in which civil society's effort is very important, not only the political and economic initiatives. They insisted that trust must be developed, that we should look for smaller steps rather than a final, comprehensive treaty. All sectors of society need to be touched to help North Korea open up and progress. They also emphasized that South Korean people are tired of this tension and want to move on to address other issues important to society.

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