



## Universal Peace Federation and Women's Federation for World Peace

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) extend a cordial invitation to you to attend a special event to be convened at the United Nations building in Vienna, Austria, on May 11, 2015 from 14:00 to 17:00 on the theme "The UN at 70: Toward a Resolution of Tensions on the Korean Peninsula". The partner organizations include ACUNS Vienna, the Segye Times and Sun Mun University, South Korea.

This special event is part of a wider series of conferences held by UPF-Europe and WFWP-Europe on topics of pressing concern for Europe and the world, held at such venues as the UN in Geneva and in Vienna, and in national parliaments around Europe.

Alongside this year's celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the end of World War 2, two other significant milestones to be marked will be the 70 years that have elapsed both since the founding of the United Nations, and since Korean independence. Despite all the challenges and difficulties the U.N. has faced in those years, it still manages to embody humankind's hopes for a peaceful world. However, despite the fact that the Korean people, along with other Pacific nations, have risen to a position of great influence in the world, the Korean Peninsula remains divided by a conflict that still threatens peace in Northeast Asia and beyond.

The Vienna conference is aimed at addressing issues related to the future of the United Nations and its impact on peace in Northeast Asia. It will draw on the European experience of peacebuilding over the past 70 years, and in particular, the experience of Austria, which this year celebrates 60 years of independence. Austria itself was, of course, only released from its 10-year occupation by the Allied Powers in 1955, when the latter agreed to sign the "State Treaty" only if Austria would promise to remain neutral, and it was this promise that enabled Vienna to be designated as the third UN seat in the world and the second such seat to be created in Europe.

UPF and WFWP's Co-Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who will be paying a visit to Europe at that time, will address participants on "*the mission of the United Nations for securing peace in the world*". A panel of high level experts from both Europe and Korea will then address the above-mentioned issues and consider what enhanced role the United Nations could play in Northeast Asia.

World-renowned for their role as cultural ambassadors of Korea and peace messengers, the Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet will open the event with a cultural performance.

We do hope that you will be able to attend. Registration for the event needs to be done online at the following link [The UN at 70: Toward a Resolution of Tensions on the Korean Peninsula](#). Please notify of your wish to attend by contacting your local UPF or WFWP chapter. We look forward to hearing from you soon and to meeting you in person at this significant conference.

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# The UN at 70: Toward a Resolution of Tensions on the Korean Peninsula



**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2015, 13:00-18:00**  
**Vienna International Center, C-Building Room C3, 7<sup>th</sup> floor**

13:00 – 14:00 Registration for UN day pass

**14:00 Welcoming remarks:** Peter Haider, President, UPF Austria

**14:30 Session I: “Commemorating 70 Years of the United Nations”**

Dr. Thomas Walsh, President, UPF International

***“The Core Principles and Initiatives of the Founders of UPF: Toward a World of Peace”***

Dr. Hak Ja Han-Moon, Co-Founder, Universal Peace Federation and Women’s Federation for World Peace

***“The Mission of the United Nations for securing Peace in the World”***

**Cultural performance: The Little Angels of Korea**

**15:30 Break**

**15:50 Session II: “The UN at 70: Perspectives on Peace and Security in the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia”**

**Moderator:** Mrs. Carolyn Handschin, President, Women’s Federation for World Peace-Europe

**Speakers:**

Dr. Walther Lichem, former senior Austrian diplomat, expert on UN issues

***“Towards a Global Agenda - The Austrian State Treaty and the Establishment of the UN office in Vienna”***

Dr. Wim Van Eekelen, former Minister of Defense, The Netherlands [tbc]

***“The European Experience after WWII, the EU and the OSCE”***

Prof. Park Heung-Soon, Dean of Graduate School, Sun Moon University

***“Perspectives for North-South Unification”***

Mr. Humphrey Hawksley, BBC World Affairs Correspondent, former Head of BBC’s Asia Bureau in Beijing

***“Opportunities for Cooperation and Development in the Region”***

A ground pass is required to enter Vienna International Centre (VIC). If you do not have a permanent pass, **please register no later than May 7th** on [www.weltfriede.at](http://www.weltfriede.at) or directly on the link [Online Registration](#). Those, who would like to enter the VIC and attend the conference on May 11th 2015, are requested to present their identity document at Gate 1 of the VIC.  
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