

UN at 70: Peace on the Korean Peninsula

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Alongside this year's celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the end of World War 2, two other significant issues will be addressed. 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 peace building over the past 70 years, and in particular, the experience of Austria, which this year celebrates 60 years of independence. Austria itself was 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. 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.



There are two milestones to be marked. Both commemorate the 70 years that have elapsed 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 North-east Asia and beyond.

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 North-east Asia.

PROGRAMME:

Introduction: Peter Haider, President, UPF Austria

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



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”