President Donald Trump  
Secretary of State Rex Tillerson  
Secretary of Defense James Mattis  
H.R. McMaster, National Security Council

Dear President Trump:

We are women leaders from over 40 countries, including the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), and many from nations that fought in the Korean War. We are from academia, business, civil society and the military, and represent a diversity of ethnicities, nationalities, religions, and political views. We are united by our belief that diplomacy is the only way to resolve the nuclear crisis and threat of war now facing the Korean peninsula.

On July 27, 1953, leaders from the United States, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, and China signed the Armistice Agreement to halt the Korean War. They promised to re-convene within three months to replace the ceasefire with a binding peace agreement. This never occurred and an entrenched state of war has ever since defined inter-Korean and U.S.-D.P.R.K. relations. This war must end.

Korea is the only nation to remain divided as a result of WWII. For three generations, millions of families have been separated by the world’s most militarized border. **We urge you to do the following to avert war in Korea and bring about a long-desired peace on the peninsula:**

1. Negotiate a freeze of North Korea’s nuclear and long-range ballistic program in exchange for a U.S. security guarantee that would include suspending U.S.-South Korea military exercises.
2. Initiate a peace process with North Korea, South Korea and China to replace the 1953 Armistice Agreement with a binding peace treaty to end the Korean War. Women must be significantly represented in the peace process in accordance with the spirit of UNSCR 1325.

Since 1950, the Korean peninsula has been threatened with nuclear weapons, missile tests, and military exercises that have only served to make 75 million Korean people less secure. In the United States and on both sides of the Korean De-Militarized Zone, the absence of a binding peace accord fuels fear and economic deprivation caused by diverting public resources in preparation for war, including deploying the controversial THAAD missile defense system in South Korea. This endless militarization must stop.

Peace is the most powerful deterrent of all. We urge you to take steps now to help formally end the Korean War with a peace treaty. Doing so would lead to greater peace and security for the Korean peninsula and region and halt the proliferation of nuclear weapons. We look to you to accomplish what successive U.S. Presidents have failed to do for seven decades: establish peace on the Korean peninsula.

Sincerely Yours,

1. Abigail Disney, USA, Filmmaker and Philanthropist  
2. Aimee Alison, USA, President Democracy in Color  
3. Aiyoung Choi, USA, Steering Committee Member, Women Cross DMZ  
4. Alana Price, USA, Editor of Truthout  
5. Alice Slater, USA, Coordinating Committee Member, World Beyond War  
6. Alice Walker, USA, Author and Activist  
7. Alicia Garza, USA, National Domestic Workers Alliance and Black Lives Matter  
8. Amina Mama, Nigeria/USA, Professor, University of California, Davis  
9. Amira Ali, Ethiopia, Author and Activist  
10. Ana Oliveira, USA, Philanthropist  
11. Anasuya Sengupta, India, Feminist author and activist, co-founder Whose Voices?  
12. Angela Chung, USA, Attorney and Human Rights Activist  
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124. Leymah Gbowee, Liberia, 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate
125. Linda Burnham, USA, National Domestic Workers Alliance
126. Lindsey German, United Kingdom, National Convener, Stop the War Coalition
127. Liza Natividad, Guam, President, Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice
128. Liza Maza, Philippines, former Parliamentarian; Gabriella Network
129. Lourdes Leon Guerrero, Guam, Fuetsan Famalao’an
130. Luisa Morgantini, Italy, Member, European Parliament
131. Lydia Alpizar, Mexico, Executive Director, AWID (Association of Women’s Rights in Development)
132. Madeline Rees, United Kingdom, Secretary General, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
133. Madelyn Hoffman, USA, Executive Director, New Jersey Peace Action
134. Maggie Martin, USA, Iraq Veterans Against the War
135. Mairead Maguire, Northern Ireland, 1976 Nobel Peace Laureate
136. Maja Vitas Majstorovic, Serbia, Gender Coordinator, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict
137. Marev Parcon, Philippines, Asia Regional Coordinator, Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights
138. Margaret Gerhardt, USA, University of Pennsylvania
139. Margo Okazawa-Rey, USA, Professor Emerita, San Francisco State University
140. Marilyn Waring, New Zealand, Professor of Public Policy, Auckland University of Technology
141. Marta Benavides, El Salvador, Siglo XXIII
142. Mary C. Murphy, USA, Sociologist
143. Mavic Cabrera-Balleza, Philippines, International Coordinator, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
144. Maya Schenwar, USA, Truthout Editor
145. Medea Benjamin, USA, Co-founder, Code Pink
147. Megan Amundson, USA, Executive Director, Women’s Action for New Direction (WAND)
148. Megan Burke, USA, Director, International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munitions Coalition
149. Melissa Giovale, USA, Founder and Board Member, Bell Garden Buddhist Center
150. Meredith Woo, USA, Open Society Foundations
151. Meri Joyce, Australia, Regional Coordinator, Global Partnership for Prevention of Armed Conflict
152. Mimi Han, Republic of Korea/USA, International Vice President, YWCA
153. Mimi Kim, USA, Professor, Cal State University, Long Beach
154. Mina Watanabe, Japan, Secretary General, Women’s Active Museum on War and Peace
155. Miranda Cahn, New Zealand, Head of Programme Development and Quality, Save the Children New Zealand
156. Musimbi Kanyoro, Kenya/USA, Executive Director of Global Fund for Women
157. Nada Drobnjak, Montenegro, Member of Parliament
158. Namhee Lee, USA, Professor, University of California, Los Angeles
159. Nan Kim, USA, Professor, University of Wisconsin
160. Nancy Ruth, Canada, Senator
161. Naomi Klein, Canada, Journalist and Activist
162. Nathalie Margie, USA, Urgent Action Fund
164. Nighat Said Khan, Pakistan, Executive Chair, DidiBahini
165. Nina Tsikhistavi-Khutshishvili, Georgia, Board Chair, International Center on Conflict and Negotiation
166. Noura Erakat, USA, Human Rights Attorney
167. Nunu Kidane, USA, Board Member, Priority Africa Network
168. Orysia Sushko, Ukraine, President, World Federation of Ukrainian Women’s Organizations
169. Ouyppoun Khuankaew, Thailand, Founder, International Women’s Partnership for Peace and Justice
170. Pam McMichael, USA, Director of Highlander Research and Education Center
171. Pamela Brubaker, USA, Professor Emerita, California Lutheran University
172. Patricia Thane, United Kingdom, Professor, Kings College
173. Paula Garb, USA, Co-Director, Center for Citizen Peacebuilding, University of California, Irvine
174. Penny Rosenwasser, USA, Founding Board Member, Jewish Voice for Peace
175. Phyllis Bennis, USA, Director, New Internationalism Project, Institute for Policy Studies
176. Regina Munoz, Sweden, Peace Activist
177. Robina Marie Winbush, USA, Minister, Member of World Council of Churches Exec and Central Committee
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179. Saloni Singh, Nepal, Executive Chair, DidiBahini
180. Samantha Gunwardana, Australia, Monash University
181. Sandra Moran, Guatemala, Co-Representative of Intl. Committee, Americas Region, World March of Women
182. Setsuko Thurlow, Canada, International Educator, Hibakusha/A-Bomb Survivor
183. Sharon Bhagwan Rolls, Fiji, Executive Producer, FemLINKpacific; Board Chair, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict
184. Shirley Douglas, Canada, Actor and Activist
185. Simone Chun, USA, Journalist and Activist
186. Sophia Close, Australia, Australia National University, Canberra
187. Sophie Toupin, Canada, Women Peace and Security Network Canada
188. Soya Jung, USA, Writer and Activist
189. Sue Wareham OAM, Australia, Vice-President, Medical Association for Prevention of War
190. Sung-ok Lee, USA, Assistant General Secretary, United Methodist Women
191. Susan Cundiff, USA, Oregon Women’s Action for New Directions (WAND)
192. Susan Smith, USA, Muslim Peace Fellowship
193. Su Yon Pak, USA, Professor, Union Theological Seminary
194. Suzuyo Takazato, Japan, Okinawa Women Act Against Military Violence
195. Suzy Kim, USA, Professor, Rutgers University
196. Taina Bien-Aime, USA, Executive Director, International Coalition Against Trafficking in Women
197. Tani Barlow, USA, Professor, Rice University
198. Tanya Selvaratnam, USA, Senior Producer, Art Not War
199. Terrilee Kekoolani, Ko Pae'Aina Hawai'i, Kanaka Maoli
200. Terry Greenblatt, Israel/USA, The Ploughshares Fund
201. Una Kim, USA, Researcher
202. Unzu Lee, USA, Presbyterian Minister, Women for Genuine Security
203. Valerie Plame, USA, Former Covert CIA Operations Officer
204. Vana Kim, USA, Spiritual Teacher
205. Visaka Dharmadasa, Sri Lanka, Founder, Association of War Affected Women
206. Wei Zhang, USA, Folk Art Researcher
207. Wendi Deetz, USA, Global Fund for Women
208. Winnie Wang, USA, Center for Global Nonkilling
209. Wonhee Anne Joh, USA, Professor of Theology, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
210. Yayoi Tsuchida, Japan, General Secretary, Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs
211. Yifat Susskind, USA, Executive Director, MADRE
212. Yoonykyung Lee, Canada, Professor, University of Toronto
213. Youngju Ryu, USA, Professor, University of Michigan

(List in formation & Note: Organizations/Affiliations Listed Only for Identification Purposes)

International Women’s Organizations
Church Women United
CODE PINK
International Women’s Network Against Militarism
MADRE
Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, UK Section

North Korean Women’s Organization
Korea Socialist Women’s Union

South Korean Women’s and Peace Organizations

1. Women Making Peace (평화여성회)
2. Korea Women’s Association United (한국여성단체연합/7개 지부, 30개 회원단체)
3. Korean Association of Women Theologians (한국여신학자협의회)
4. The Council of Churches in Korea, Women’s Committee (한국기독교교회협의회 여성위원회)
5. The Association of Major Superiors of Women Religious in Korea (한국천주교여자수도회장상연합회)

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6. The Righteous People for Korean Unification (새로운 백년을 여는 통일의병)
7. The Gongju Women Human Rights Center (공주 여성인권)
8. The World Council of Churches (세계교회협의회)
9. The Christian Network for Peace and Unification (평화와통일을위한기독인연대)
10. beyondit (너머시)
11. Okedongmu Children in Korea (어린이 어깨동무)
12. Women History Forum (여성역사포럼)
13. Peace Mother (평화어머니회)
14. Kyunggi Women's Association United (경기여성연합)
15. Kyunggi Goyang-Paju Women Link (경기 고양파주 민우회)
16. Kyunggi Women's Network (경기여성네트워크)
17. The Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan (한국정신대문제대책협의회)
18. Korea Women's Political Solidarity (여세연)
19. Korean Sharing Movement (우리민족서로돕기운동)
20. People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (참여연대)
21. Iftopia (문화세상 이프토피아)
22. Ewha Women's Alumni Meeting for Democracy (이화민주동우회)
23. Kyunggi Jinbo Women United (경기여성자주연대)
24. Kyunggi Council of Women (경기여성단체협의회)
25. Chungchung-namdo Education Center for Equality (충청남도 성평등교육문화센터)
26. 21st Century Seoul Women's Union (21세기 서울여성회)
27. Common Nourishing and Education (공동육아과 공동체 교육)
28. Ecumenical Youth Network (예큐메니칼 청년 네트워크)
29. Women Ministers Association of Presbyterian Churches Korea (대한예수교장로회 전국여교역자연합회)
30. Women Ministers’ Association of Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (한국기독교장로회여교역자협의회)
31. Korea Association Methodist Women in Ministry (기독교대한강리회의교역자협회)
32. Korea Methodist Women’s Leadership Institute (감리교여성지도력개발원)
33. Korea Church Women United (한국교회여성연합회)
34. Duraebang (두레방)
35. Sunlit Sisters’ Center (햇살사회복지회)
36. United for Women’s Rights Against US Military Bases’ Crime (기지촌여성인권연대)
37. United Voice for the Eradication of Prostitution: Hansori (성매매근절을위한 한소리회)

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Women Cross DMZ is an organization led by women working globally for peace in Korea. In May 2015, on the 70th anniversary of the division of Korea, Women Cross DMZ led a historic women’s peace walk across the De-Militarized Zone from North to South Korea to draw global attention to the urgent need to end the Korean War with a peace treaty, reunite divided families, and ensure women’s leadership in peacebuilding. Representing 15 countries, our 30-member international delegation walked with 10,000 Korean women on both sides of the DMZ. Our mission is to: 1.) Promote women’s leadership in the peacebuilding process in Korea; 2.) Raise awareness about the urgent need for peace in Korea; and 3.) Expand and deepen relationships with women leaders and organizations in South Korea, North Korea, and around the world.

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