

# 41st Human Rights Council Side Event (Follow-up to 38<sup>th</sup> & 39<sup>th</sup> HRC Side Events ) **KOREA WOMEN, SOUTH & NORTH- PEACE, FAMILY STRENGTHS, RIGHTS & DEVELOPMENT**

Friday, June 28, 2019 ; 11:00am - 12:00

Room XV - UN Palais des Nations



## Peacebuilding & Partnership

Meeting Place for Women be established in or near the DMZ.

PANEL CONCEPT STATEMENT: In the spirit of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, and with hopes of new opportunities for peace and cooperation between North and South Korea, this HRC Side Event hopes to provide a platform for relevant governments, UN bodies and civil society actors engaged on the peninsula to begin to anticipate the needs of, and plans for, a future of peace.

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO THE DPRK, Tomas Ojea Quintana explained to participants at the previous side event, “When I hear that women from the south and their networks globally have been reaching out to women in the north, investing in reconciliation, dialogue, cultural and humanitarian projects that have built bridges of trust, I feel encourage about the future of the Korean Peninsula”. Peace plans must be made with those who care about it most.

PREPARING FOR PEACE: A proposal has been launched to create a “Peace-Zone” - a meeting place for Women in or near the DMZ. This refuge would be a site where regular sharing between North Korea and South Korea women could generate innovative strategies for peace and human development - where the grassroots needs and the resources of local knowledge could be taken into consideration. Their recommendations could help build political and public will for sustainable peace on the Korean Peninsula. **We advocate for the involvement of women of all ages, and fresh, viable proposals for overcoming the challenges of division and shifting the focus to peacebuilding and development cooperation.**

### SPEAKERS and Discussants

- Video: WFWP Korea, Co-Chair, Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation
- Women Across the DMZ by Christine Ahn- Lois A. Herman, WUNRN
- World Food Program in DPRK, Via Kawinzi Mulu, Director, Gender Office
- “5<sup>th</sup> UN Headquarters” for Asia Proposal, Heiner Handschin, UPF
- Excerpts from UN Special Rapporteur on Disabilities Mission to North Korea Report
- CNN North Korea Expert Support for Panel Dialogue
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace- Kathryn Botto, Research Analyst, Focus on the Korean Peninsula

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