

2018 International Women Peace Walk Declaration

We are here today, as Korean women and 30 women security experts, peace activists and women's rights organizations from around the world, to support the Korean Peace Process and to call for women's full inclusion.

Reaffirming the Panmunjeom Declaration of April 27, 2018, we are here at this critical moment in hope that upcoming talks will be successful in leading to peace both on the Korean Peninsula and around the world. For this purpose, we call for the restart of the inter-Korean talks, and for the successful convening of the upcoming DPRK-US Summit.

Towards this goal; we demand the following:

1. No new Korean War, Peace Treaty Now: We call for the official end of the Korean War by replacing the 1953 Armistice Agreement with a peace treaty. This should be the clear goal of the upcoming US-DPRK Summit, and is a necessary first step to move forward.
2. Nuclear-free Korea for a Nuclear-free world: We call for a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula, and for this to be extended globally to all states, including the nuclear weapon states of the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France and China.
3. Women's inclusion for lasting peace: Guarantee full and equal participation of women in the Korean peace process, as stated in UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
4. Convert the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) into a truly de-militarized zone of peace, by removing the 1.2 million landmines and the barbed wire fences that separate the Korean people.
5. Expedite civilian exchanges between the two Koreas and the immediate reunion of separated families.
6. Enforce prohibitions against wartime violence against women and girls in all countries and bring justice for the "comfort women" who survived sexual slavery during WWII;
7. An end to sanctions that harm innocent civilians, and instead call for maximum engagement that will improve ordinary people's lives;
8. Reduce military budgets and redirect funds devoted to the arms race towards improving women's human security and environmental protection.

Peace can only be achieved through means that reject violence. We who gathered here today will continue our movement for peace until the threat of war disappears from the earth. We hope that all citizens of both South and North Korea, as well as all the peace-loving citizens around the world, will join us on the path to create a Peace Treaty to formally end the Korean War, as a step to building peace and genuine security for Korea and for the world.

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