

Open letter to President Biden: Reviving Six-Party Talks with 3+3 Comprehensive Approach for Peace, Security, and Prosperity in Northeast Asia

Dear President Biden,

We, the Parliamentarians for 3+3, a collective of lawmakers dedicated to promoting peace and security in Northeast Asia, including the Korean Peninsula, urgently appeal to you to take a proactive stance in addressing the nuclear concerns caused by North Korea (DPRK) and the broader security challenges in Northeast Asia. We firmly believe that reviving the six-party talks, centered around the 3+3 Comprehensive Approach, is essential to initiate a new work to achieve lasting stability, disarmament, and prosperity in the region. We kindly request your leadership in making this a reality.

The Berlin Wall that separated Germany fell in 1989 and symbolized the end of the Cold War. The 1,400km inter-German border with fences and guard towers became one of the world's most unusual nature reserves called the German Green Belt.

Yet there's another border in the Korean peninsula – the 38th parallel. In 1945, the United States and the Soviet Union divided Korea along this line. Since then, Northeast Asia has been in a state of war, with North Korea (DPRK), Russia and China in the north, and South Korea (ROK), Japan and the US in the south. This 38th parallel that still separates the Koreans is a symbol of a new cold war and represents a serious nuclear threat. It is urgent to declare the end of the Korean War and build confidence in the area by setting up a Northeast Asia Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone (NEA-NWFZ).

The 3+3 Comprehensive Approach: Central to our appeal is the adoption of the 3+3 Comprehensive Approach, initially proposed by Dr. Morton H. Halperin and developed further by experts worldwide. This approach entails the participation of ROK, DPRK, Japan, Russia, China, and the US in a binding agreement to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Northeast Asia by simultaneously addressing several other key pending regional issues, including:

1. Ending the Korean War: A paramount goal of the 3+3 Comprehensive Approach is to officially declare to end the Korean War through a formal peace treaty. This not only addresses the historical war state but also sets the stage for sustained cooperation and trust-building among the participating nations.

2. Establishing a Regional Security Council: To ensure ongoing stability and security in the region, the approach proposes the establishment of a regional security council composed of the six participating nations. This council would serve

as a forum for regular consultations for conflict prevention and cooperative security measures.

3. Establishing a Regional Supporting Mechanism in Economy and Energy:

Recognizing the interconnectedness of peace and prosperity, the approach seeks to bolster economic ties and energy cooperation among the nations involved. This includes joint investment projects, trade initiatives, and collaborative efforts to ensure sustainable energy sources, contributing to the overall economic stability and development of Northeast Asia.

4. Establish a Northeast Asia Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone: A core element of the approach is the establishment of a Northeast Asia Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone (NEA-NWFZ), composed of three eventually non-nuclear states (DPRK, Japan and ROK) and three neighboring nuclear weapon states (China, Russia and US). The NEA-NWFZ ensures that the entire region remains free from the threat of nuclear weapons. This is a crucial step towards lasting peace and security of the region.

The 250km border at the 38th parallel is one of the world's most fortified borders with barb wires and watch towers. But at the same time, the untouched land border area has become one of the most unusually biodiverse nature reserves on the planet. This Korean Green Belt is a cause of hope: to us, it symbolizes the better world we are working towards. And it is for this better world that we work together in Northeast Asia through NEA-NWFZ 3+3 comprehensive approach.

President Biden, your leadership on the global stage is essential in advancing peace and security in Northeast Asia. We, the Parliamentarians for 3+3, cordially ask you to seize this historic opportunity to initiate diplomatic dialogue and bring about positive change through the revival of six-party talks with the 3+3 Comprehensive Approach. With your guidance, we believe a peaceful and prosperous future will be within our reach for Northeast Asia and the world.

Sincerely,

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