

To: Delegations of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC);*
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Letter to support CSBMs & TCBMs to the UNDC Working Groups at the 2018 Substantive Session

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Dear Distinguished Delegates

We are writing this letter to submit and propose recommendations bearing on Confidence and Security Building Measures (CSBMs) & Transparency and Confidence Building Measures (TCBMs) as a part of the two provisional agendas, ([A/CN.10/L.80/Rev.1](#)) (I) Nuclear Disarmament and Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and (II) Transparency and Confidence-building Measures in Outer Space Activities, to the working groups of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC) at the 2018 substantive session on April 2-20, 2018.

The past years saw that, though the successful treaties of the Confidence Building Measures to nuclear-weapons-free zone, disarmament and non-proliferation; playing a leading role in arms control dynamic, and progressing in comprehensive cooperation, or advancing toward a nuclear-weapon-free-world, there was not a substantive effort. Korean civil society and we are, lamenting this history, as well as alarmed at the recent nuclear tensions and political conflicts between nuclear-armed countries and at the increasing risk of nuclear weapons used by accident, miscalculation or intent as a result.

We are deeply concerned about this boiling point of bellicose rhetoric and confrontational approaches to the vicious circle, sanctions, tensions, provocations, Fire and Fury, and *repetō*—rather than leading to a virtuous circle, communication, negotiation, commutation, cooperation and peace; we recall the importance of balancing between these cooling-off measures without prejudice, as a result of the Security Council meeting for the 2018 special session on the theme, “Weapons of Mass Destruction and Confidence Building Measures,” ([S/PV.8160](#)) and highly recognize the need for changeover from CBMs to CSBMs, such as a practical example of the Iranian nuclear programme, namely “the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action,” (JCPOA) to effectively resolve the recent-complicated-political issues at international level through multilateral negotiations among stakeholders in a mutual, fair, cooperative and sustainable manner—in this context, we are seriously concerned about a bellicose posture of US’s withdrawal from the JCPOA; such desperate measures in a pugilistic-diplomacy manner are the one-way to undermine a solid multilateral agreement.

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We emphasize that you must find the closest point of approach to de-escalate the political risk of collisions between stakeholders; we highly consider CSBMs as a comprehensive measure, including geostrategic, security, political and diplomatic conditions, in particular, humanitarian assistance, economic cooperation and development, when taking note of the *North Korea's road-to-Pyeongchang conversion* in the spirit of the Olympic Truce—for example, the DPRK has repeatedly offered the condition of suspending its nuclear weapons development in exchange for freezing the joint US-ROK military exercises. They, now, should consider its offer as a jumping off point for definitive negotiations towards a peaceful, sovereign, nuclear-free Korean peninsula enough, and would accept this offer to begin so serious negotiations, and should guarantee DPRK's security as a way of firmly pledging the No-First-Use policy, subject to its readiness to address a peace process of denuclearization and to rejoin the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. (NPT) Thereby, all the stakeholders could achieve universal security, mutual benefit and common prosperity, beyond in the exchange for counterpart's specific conditions, in a mutual, fair, cooperative and sustainable manner—in this way, we reaffirm these comprehensive measures as a part of CSBMs that would be the first step forward to effectively establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone (NFWZ) at regional level.

We urge the nuclear-weapon States of *Cassiopeia* to grant security assurances to counterpart, involving North Korea and the Middle East in fair-negotiating table at the UN, as a key prerequisite for creating an atmosphere of transparency and confidence to return to multilateral negotiations in a mutual, fair, cooperative and sustainable manner. As you understand it that though multilateral agreement may not be substituted by bilateral agreement and *vice versa*, when the need of these conditions arises among stakeholders in a timely fashion—we strongly believe that the UN should provide a platform for mutual exchanges, and then *the Weary Mothers of the Earth* could take a step toward multilateral negotiations for achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world.

We, therefore, advocate CSBMs & TCBMs, as both activities, unique to a new initiative of the UNDC.

Now we are affirmative in this year seeing the tipping point where the *Middle East's road-to-Damascus conversion* has led to peaceful cooperation and the end of war over the last seven years; where the *North Korea's road-to-Pyeongchang conversion* is leading to the upcoming peace talks, ROK-DPRK summit in April and US-DPRK summit in May, and the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean peninsula in the near future; where these fundamental changes will meet the curve, at an inflection point, towards a nuclear-weapon-free world with common security, lasting peace and shared prosperity: we hope that.

We acknowledge their efforts, and highly appreciate your exertion.

We are noting that the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution ([72/251](#)) setting the dates and mandate for the High-Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament to take place at the UN from May 14-16, 2018—it's the time to punctuate a substantive point—to request that UN hold the Six-Party Talks, specially inviting all the stakeholders, at this upcoming high-level conference, for the purpose of negotiating the comprehensive programme of work, including their specific conditions (*e.g.* geostrategy and security, politics and diplomacy, aid and economy) in exchange for other options, both (I) the denuclearized CSBMs to a WMD arms control and (II) the demilitarized TCBMs to space arms race control. And, please encourage them in their firm support for the Six-Party Talks, including a new joint statement, targeting at the United Nations General Assembly of the upcoming 2018 session, with a view to achieving the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, in a mutual, fair, cooperative and sustainable manner.

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Especially, we call on you to support the following recommendations:

- The Permanent Member States of the UN Security Council, (UNSC) America and England and France and Russia, and the other nuclear armed countries **pledge the No-First-Use** of nuclear weapons completely, verifiably and irreversibly, and others: all stakeholders **declare the No-First-Placement** of any weapons in outer space;
- North Korea **rejoins the NPT**, and others: the non-signatories, Israel and India and Pakistan and South Sudan, join this treaty, **in a mutual, fair, cooperative and sustainable manner**;
- All stakeholders **gradually scale down the modernized weapons**, including Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) and Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles, (SLBMs) and others: they **set a limit on the compatibility between missile offensive and defensive systems**, transparently managed and maintained—*i.e.*, developing a multilateral form, such as the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) and the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, (ABMT) or, guaranteeing assurances of the warhead characteristics, *e.g.*, a missile targeting guidance system, such as the Exo-Atmospheric Kill Vehicle;
- All stakeholders properly use the surveillance networks, early-warning and X band radars, **for the purpose of both defense and prevention**, such as the missile detection and alarm system and the disaster alert system, and others: they are **not allowed to use these radars for other purpose of counter-terrorism-offensive activities**—*i.e.*, global spying and striking operations by drone that internationally communicates with the radars;
- All stakeholders **respect for counterpart’s satellite, spacecraft or object, facility**, and others: they are **prohibited from the outer-space-offensive activities**, namely “Star Wars,” of both **the space-based negation-enabling capabilities and the earth-based capabilities to attack satellites**—*i.e.*, neither jamming communication nor striking satellites in outer space, *e.g.*, the Strategic Defense Initiative; (SDI)
- All stakeholders **regulate the public-private collaboration on outer space activities on the purpose of militarization and weaponization**, and others: they nationalize military industries and related activities.

If they don't lead by any example, the whole concepts are almost meaningless;

You should be highly obliged it.

With all best wishes for success,



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[P.S.] The five bright stars are a constellation, maintained the ‘W’-in-win shape—this is the reason that the Cassiopeia could twinkle sustainably and beautiful.

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