

TIME TO END THE KOREAN WAR

Fifty years ago, on July 27, 1953, an armistice was signed to end the fighting in the Korean War. That war killed more than three million Koreans, more than half a million Chinese, and more than 35,000 Americans. The war has never formally ended. Korea remains divided, and the United States and North Korea (DPRK) remain technically at war with each other half a century after the armistice. Tragically, another war now looms over the Korean peninsula,

- 1 We feel strongly that another war on the Korean peninsula is unthinkable. Military action must not be considered, much less taken, under any circumstances. All sides must publicly renounce any military option.
- 2 We believe that U.S. policies toward the DPRK, such as threats of embargo, preemptive strikes, and regime change, are pushing the Korean peninsula perilously close to war.
- 3 We call upon the U.S. and DPRK governments to immediately and unconditionally begin direct negotiations to normalize their relations, sign a peace treaty ending the Korean War, and resolve issues of contention peacefully.
- 4 We support and encourage efforts by the peoples of the U.S. and Korea, North and South, to achieve a peaceful, democratic, and unified Korea and create a mutually beneficial and equitable relationship between the U.S. and Korea.

We, the Alliance of Scholars Concerned about Korea (ASCK), call on all concerned people to join us in finally putting an end to the war in Korea.

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