

Letter to the government of the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea
accompanying *Fulfil the NPT: From nuclear threats to human security*, the
Open Letter to States Parties to the NPT

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Honorary Leader Kim Jong-un
President of the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea
Pyongyang, DPRK

CC: Hon Ri Son-gwon, Minister of Foreign Affairs
H.E. Mr. Song Kim, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent
Representative of the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea to the UN in New York

Dear Honorary Leader KIM,

We wish to inform you that [Fulfil the NPT: From nuclear threats to human security](#), an *Open Letter to the States Parties of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT)*, is circulating internationally. It is addressed to the five Nuclear-Weapon States Parties to the Treaty (NWSs). A pro forma version (attached) is being sent to the NWSs at the same time you receive this message.

We are also writing to Representatives of India, Israel and Pakistan. Our common appeal to the four of you is that you attend the **10th NPT Review Conference (NPT-X)** as observers.

Having been indefinitely extended, and with over half a century under its belt, the NPT is going to remain a fixture of the international community until that great day when a nuclear weapon free world (NFWF) is established. As this is our shared objective, we urge you to work toward a constructive relationship with all the States Parties to the Treaty, beginning with attendance at NPT-X. This would not require that you re-join that treaty as a Non-Nuclear-Weapon State (NNWS). With the world being drawn into a dangerous new arms race, the Open Letter aims for NPT-X to make a fundamental course correction. The DPRK needs to be part of this process.

Regarding the first part of the first demand, on No First Use, might we suggest that you would greatly enhance your security by drawing such a sharp and bright redline on nuclear escalation. Your conventional capacity to deter conventional attack has been convincingly demonstrated since the 1954 Armistice. Such a declaration would be warmly received at NPT-X.

Regarding the second part of the first demand and the third and fourth demands, they could be addressed most directly by reviving talks on the denuclearization of the peninsula without further delay. North Korea could participate in good faith in negotiations to that end, while retaining the right to make final ratification of the agreement contingent on the Armistice being superseded by a Peace Treaty among all the parties to the old conflict.

With the possible exception of Pakistan, no country in the world would benefit more from being able to redirect the precious resource now devoted to its nuclear arsenals to human needs than North Korea. The fourth demand can hardly be called demanding for North Korea. NPT-X would be an outstanding venue for letting the world know this.

We trust you agree our cause is noble. You can be assured that we would not be alone in welcoming you as observer at NPT-X. Please consider deeply how DPRK can help make NPT-X the historic turning point of the Nuclear Age.

We take this opportunity to extend our deepest respects and highest considerations.

Yours sincerely,

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