WFWP Madrid, Spain: Women in Peace Processes and Conflict Resolution

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For this event, we invited four speakers to share their experiences and points of view on this topic. Finally, only two were able to do it because of health and prevention reasons.

The first speaker was Mrs. Elisabeth Leure who spoke of an exemplary Bahà'í woman from Iran, Mrs. Mahvash Sábet, sentenced to 20 years in prison, because of her faith and her enthusiasm in the education of Bahá'í children and youth in Iran and her work with her companions during her incarceration. She prepared women for their reintegration into society and wrote beautiful poems on scraps of napkins and scraps of cloth clandestinely.

Then Dulce Balil, spoke about why women are not participating jointly with men in official processes and in the signing of peace treaties. She spoke about how Mrs. Leymah Gbowee, a woman from Liberia, contributed to the end of the second war in this country and how it was the first nation on the continent of Africa to elect a woman, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, as Head of State. Finally, she presented the reality of the situation in Korea, divided into North and South for 70 years and that there are several projects aimed at building ties of friendship, such as a Peace Park in the demilitarized zone of the 38th parallel.

WFWP is in contact with North Korean women to provide humanitarian aid, such as sewing machines and food.