

European Leaders Support Summit for Peace Assembly and One Million Rally

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My deepest gratitude goes to the founder of the Universal Peace Federation, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the two co-chairs of the World Summit, Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Ban Ki-moon, former secretary general of the United Nations.

Distinguished guests, peace on the Korean Peninsula is of great importance. A breakthrough to peace on the Korean Peninsula would reflect globally. If peace is the cornerstone of every nation and every generation, the 38th Parallel can become a symbol of peace rather than of division. Thanking you once again for this important summit, I wish that peace prevails on the Korean Peninsula and throughout the entire world.



Romano Proti, Prime Minister of Italy 2006–2008

I want to start my conversation with you by giving a deep, deep, deep thanks to the founder of UPF, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and to the vice-chairman Dr. Samdech Hun Sen, and to Ban Ki-moon, the former secretary general of the United Nations, with whom I worked so happily for such a long time. You are doing a great job, making effort to unify Korea, but respecting human rights, having the sense of history that drives you to this effort for reunification.

This is a Win-Win process. Nobody will be damaged by Korean reunification. We have only positive outcomes: trade, an increase of GDP, wealth and scientific progress.

You are one country, with one language, with one common history. My wish is that this stronger link between people of the North and South will be a precondition for unification. The pandemic of division will end.

Thank you so much for your patience.



Dominique de Villepin, Prime Minister of France 2005–2007

Our world is facing huge uncertainties and tensions because we are going through a massive transition, aggravated by the impact of the world pandemic.

What's a possible response? After the "strategic patience" of Obama and the "maximal pressure" of Donald Trump, followed by a spectacular policy of rapprochement in 2018, Joe Biden is looking for a new approach combining carrot and stick, sanctions and diplomacy. But while sanctions have not proved very effective in the past, Pyongyang can also count on the veto support of Russia and China in the UN Security Council.

We are in a defining moment: South Korea is due to have presidential elections next March.

The US are preparing its midterm elections, and the decisive twentieth Chinese Party Congress will take

place at the end of the year. In this context, the Korean Peninsula could be the ground of an exemplary pathway to peace. In order to have a fruitful dialogue the strategy should be based on political, cultural and social interactions responding to the aspirations of both people and regimes.



José María Aznar, Prime Minister of Spain 1996–2004

In this context of increasing geopolitical tensions in international relations, the work of an institution such as the Universal Peace Federation and its efforts to build peace and dialogue among nations, especially to contribute to a dialogue on peace on the Korean Peninsula, is more necessary than ever.

We must work toward building trust, mutual respect, reconciliation, and cooperation. In this process, the United States as well as China and Russia can contribute constructively. Cooperation between civil societies is one of the keys to gaining popular support for future negotiations.

I am sure that the Universal Peace Federation Summit will contribute to this important process of searching for constructive solutions to a conflict that has been going on for too long.



Albin Kurti, President of Kosovo February – June 2020 and March 2021–present

Reverend Moon teaches us that peace flourishes where there is justice, and justice requires repentance, which must be accompanied by restitution.

The people of Kosovo and of South Korea share a similar path of suffering under occupation and a struggle for freedom. We are among rare, peaceful people who were invaded, often fought continuously against invaders, but we've never invaded others. We survived the genocidal attempts at our extermination. Freedom beams and seeks peace and to attain lasting peace, all of us must do our part wherever we are. Thank you.

