
MEPs delegation supports new high level dialogue with North Korea

Foreign affairs MEPs advocate new boost to peace talks and denuclearization in Korean peninsula during their visit in Japan and Republic of Korea.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament, led by its chair [David McAllister \(EPP, DE\)](#), visited Japan and the Republic of Korea on 2-6 April 2018. At the end of the visit Mr. McAllister said:

“In the light of the latest promising developments in the Korean peninsula, the Foreign Affairs Committee supports the opening of new high level dialogues with North Korea (DPRK) and recalls that these talks should aim at a peaceful resolution of the tension and denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and thus promoting regional and global peace, security and stability. At the same time we must maintain pressure on North Korea until it delivers in a concrete manner.

Our visit to the region demonstrates our commitment and the value we put to our strategic partnerships with Japan and the Republic of Korea. The EU and the European Parliament have been a long-standing supporters of respect for international law and universal values, and in particular nuclear non-proliferation, and peaceful resolution of disputes.”

MEPs held productive meetings with Ministers, other senior government representatives and Members of Parliament, the diplomatic corps as well as civil society and think-tanks.

The visit was organised with the objective of deepening the EU-Japan and EU-Korea strategic partnerships and their parliamentary dimension, in particular the further deepening of dialogues on foreign policies, global and regional security and peace, such as the global context of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, crisis management, cyber-security, fight against piracy, counter-terrorism. Furthermore, other important fields of cooperation have been subject to debate, such as cooperation in international and multilateral fora, EU's role in East Asian

security and political structures and dialogues, universal promotion of respect for international law, human rights, the fight against protectionism, as well as cooperation on climate change, science and technology, poverty reduction and development assistance.

With regard to Japan, the Committee is also looking forward to the conclusion of the strategic partnership agreement with the EU. A similar framework agreement with the Republic of Korea forms the basis for a political dialogue since 2014.

In addition to Mr McAllister the delegation was composed of seven MEPs: Mr Elmar BROK (EPP, DE), Ms Dubravka ŠUICA (EPP, HR), Mr Ioan PASCU (S&D, RO), Ms Neena GILL (S&D, UK), Mr Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR, PL), Mr Urmas PAET (ALDE, EE) and Mr Klaus BUCHNER (Greens, DE).

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