

Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of a German-Korean Advisory Group on the Foreign Policy towards Reunification between the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea

The Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as the "Sides"),

- Recalling the understanding between the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and the President of the Republic of Korea at the summit talks that took place in Berlin in March 2014 on the establishment of an Advisory Group on the Foreign Policy towards Reunification,
- Reaffirming the shared interest of the Sides in exchanging information and experiences regarding the German reunification to provide insight for the process of a peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula,

Have reached the following understanding:

1. Purpose

1. The Sides will establish a German-Korean Advisory Group on the Foreign Policy towards Reunification (hereinafter referred to as the "Advisory Group") in order to consult and propose policy recommendations in the process of drawing up a concrete and effective diplomatic policy for the reunification of the Korean Peninsula.
2. The Advisory Group will facilitate the exchange of information and experiences between the two countries, particularly with respect to the following matters:
 - (a) review of foreign policies and diplomatic experiences of the Federal Republic of Germany's such as the "2+4 process" that had played a crucial role for the German reunification;
 - (b) analysis of the diplomatic environment and foreign policy essential for overcoming the division of Korea and achieving the reunification of the Korean Peninsula; and

- (c) search for proper measures and foreign policies to procure assistance and support by neighboring countries with respect to inter-Korean trust-building and the reunification of the Korean peninsula.

2. Composition

1. The Advisory Group will be composed of relevant, current and former civil servants, and politicians, as well as scholars, from the two countries, with no more than 14 persons.
2. Each Side will appoint a Co-Chair to head the Advisory Group.
3. Each Side may appoint up to seven (7) members, including the Co-Chair, of whom at least two (2) members will be senior officials from the relevant departments in its Foreign Ministry. These senior officials will serve as official members of the Advisory Group. Members other than the official members will serve as commissioned members.
4. Each Side will inform the other Side of its appointed Co-Chair and other members.

3. Meetings

Meetings of the Advisory Group (hereinafter referred to as the "Meetings") will be held once a year, alternately in the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Korea. Consultations may be held any time, if necessary.

4. Topics

The primary discussion topics for the Meetings are as listed below, while the detailed agenda will be jointly decided upon by the Sides prior to each Meeting.

- the reconciliation and integration experiences of the Federal Republic of Germany and Europe, including Ostpolitik, the CSCE/OSCE process, and significant aspects of foreign policy/international law with regard to the German reunification such as the "2+4 process";
- the situation on the Korean Peninsula, including the necessary prerequisites and measures for overcoming the division of the Korean Peninsula and the related policies and position of the Korean government;

- the positions of the Republic of Korea's neighboring and related countries in terms of security policy and the conditions which could contribute to the process of the reunification of the Korean Peninsula; and
- inter-Korean relations, including measures for trust-building and rapprochement through inter-Korean dialogue.

5. Invitation of Experts

Depending on the detailed agenda, each Side may invite one or two experts to the Meetings, if necessary. In this case, the participation of such experts will be communicated in writing to the other Side in advance.

6. Expense

The costs of the Meetings will be borne by the Sides. The visiting Side will bear its travel and accommodation expenses, while the host Side will bear the other expenses involved in organizing the Meeting.

7. Entry into Effect

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective after having been signed by both sides.

SIGNED in duplicate, in Berlin on September 18th, 2014, in the English language.

For the Federal Foreign Ministry of
the Federal Republic of Germany

For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Korea