

## **KOREA**

Whereas, we are observing this year the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement that halted the horrific fighting of the Korean War;

Whereas, there is an increasing danger of reviving the Korean War due to the reckless policy of the Bush administration that seriously undermines the Armistice Agreement;

Whereas, the government and people of South and North Korea have been trying to promote a peaceful reunification of their divided country through mutual exchanges and cooperation since the historic summit meeting of the two Korean leaders in June 2000;

Whereas, the continued presence of some 37,000 U.S. troops in South Korea has been a major source of military tension and an arms race, crimes, wasted spending in billions of tax dollars, and an obstacle to self-determination of Korean people; and

Whereas, North Korea (DPRK) has expressed its willingness to end the Korean War and normalize its relations with the United States by signing a non-aggression or peace treaty;

NOW, THEREFORE, Veterans for Peace (VFP), meeting at its national convention in San Francisco, California, August 9, 2003,

*Extends* our sincere support and solidarity to the Korean people for their just struggle to achieve an independent, peaceful reunification of Korea through their own initiatives without foreign interferences;

*Calls* upon the Bush administration to stop all military buildups in Korea as well as threats of preemptive military strikes, including the first use of "Mini-Nukes," against North Korea;

*Calls* upon the U.S. government to take immediate steps to end the Korean War by replacing the shaky Armistice Agreement with a permanent peace settlement through direct negotiations with North Korea, and bring our troops home from Korea finally; and

*Calls* upon the U.S. Congress to establish an independent Korea commission to investigate the U.S. war crimes or crimes against humanity committed in Korea since 1945 and make recommendations for a just redress for the Korean victims

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