

VFP Resolution on Korea

Whereas, it was recently announced that the two government leaders of Korea will hold a second inter-Korean summit in Pyongyang, North Korea on August 28-30;

Whereas, the U.S. military is going to stage another major military exercise in South Korea under the name of "Ulchi Focus Lens" (UFL) from August 20 to 31, 2007;

Whereas, the UFL is the world's largest computer-driven war-fighting command post exercise, involving some 10,000 troops from all branches of the U.S. military—including 5,000 troops and numerous new weapons from outside of Korea—as well as an unknown number of South Korean troops;

Whereas, such major U.S. military exercises in South Korea each year raise military tensions on the Korean Peninsula unnecessarily; and

Whereas, going forward with the 2007 UFL at this time would be counterproductive to creating a favorable environment for the upcoming inter-Korean summit and the Six-Party Talks on denuclearization of Korea;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that Veterans For Peace (VFP), meeting at its national convention in St. Louis, Missouri, August 18, 2007,

- 1) Welcomes the historic, second inter-Korean summit with our best wishes for further success in promoting peace, reconciliation and cooperation in Korea;
- 2) Condemns the 2007 UFL war game and urges the U.S. to stop all other major military exercises in South Korea in the future;
- 3) Decides to fax a copy of this resolution to the U.S. government and the two government leaders of Korea; and
- 4) Encourages VFP members and local chapters to send a copy of this resolution to their Representatives and Senators in Congress.

Dated: August 15, 2007

Submitted by VFP-Korea Peace Campaign