

Dr. Boutilier's final assessment from the preceding year seemed equally apt for this year's workshop. Then, he had observed that the near-term prospects of arms control in Korea were not very promising, particularly when viewed through the eyes of the North and the South. It was nevertheless important to maintain a constant dialogue (an insight derived from the European experience) and to be extremely patient. It was wise to prepare for future advances by devoting considerable energy today to various security management approaches. However, the process could not be rushed and much would depend upon the evolution of the North Korean political system. Although the role for outsiders was not extensive in this waiting game, there were constructive insights and observations that Canada could bring to the process. Its considerable experience in a variety of arms control fora (including confidence building, verification, proliferation control, and Open Skies) and other security management approaches such as peacekeeping might be helpful in the development of new security approaches for Korea by Koreans.