

from several of the concerned countries discuss the problems of the Peninsula, and explore the utility of such mechanisms as multilateral institution building, confidence building measures, verification and transparency, cooperative security, and preventive diplomacy in addressing these problems<sup>3,4</sup>. They are well aware that while lessons can be drawn from the institutions and methods that have been successful in Europe, the situation in Asia is very different and its problems will not be solved simply by the direct transfer of solutions which may have proven effective in another region.

In preparation for this session of the workshop, papers have been written by contributors working in Russia, China, Japan, and Canada<sup>5</sup>. These four papers describe the Korean situation as seen from the personal point of view of a member of their own country; someone who is knowledgeable regarding East Asian security problems, but who does not claim to be presenting the official view of their government<sup>6,7,8,9</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> Bon-Hak Koo (ed.), *The Korea/Canada North Pacific Arms Control Workshop: 1995 Proceedings* (Ottawa: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, May 1996).

<sup>4</sup> Robert Bedeski (ed.), *Confidence Building in the North Pacific: New Approaches to the Korean Peninsula in the Multilateral Context* (University of Victoria and the Korean Institute for Defense Analyses, December 1996).

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<sup>6</sup> Vassily Krivokhiza, "Problems of the Korean Peninsula in the New Geopolitical Situation: A View from Russia", in René Unger and F. Ron Cleminson (eds.), *Promoting Peace on the Korean Peninsula through Arms Control: Preventing Regional Conflicts* (Ottawa: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, September 1997).

<sup>7</sup> Xiang Jiagu, "The Situation on the Korean Peninsula", in Unger and Cleminson (eds.), *Promoting Peace on the Korean Peninsula through Arms Control*.

<sup>8</sup> Satoshi Morimoto, "Promoting Peace and Stability on the Korean Peninsula through Arms Control: Preventing Regional Conflicts", in Unger and Cleminson (eds.), *Promoting Peace on the Korean Peninsula through Arms Control*.