

## ARMS CONTROL IN THE NORTH PACIFIC WORKSHOP SUMMARY<sup>1</sup>

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The Cooperative Research Workshop revolved around the theme of "understanding the context of Korean arms control possibilities and the role that European-specific arms control insights might play in developing a more effective approach to arms control on the Korean peninsula." To that end, papers were presented (1) exploring the nature of the Korean security environment and (2) discussing various dimensions of arms control experience, both practical and conceptual. Discussions tended to be exploratory, with participants focusing on the complex nature of the Korean security relationship.

The first paper, "Global Uncertainty, Arms Control, and Conflict Resolution on the Korean Peninsula" by Dr. James Boutillier, provided an excellent introduction to and overview of the workshop' subject matter. The paper first looked at the post-Cold War security environment and its implications for the Asia-Pacific region. It then examined the applicability of the European arms control experience in the region. Finally, the paper assessed the potential for conflict resolution on the Korean peninsula. Dr. Boutillier concluded that the prospects for European-style arms control solutions, while not great for the region at large because of its unique security management culture, might be better in the case of the Korean peninsula. Although hints of encouragement from the North were slight at present, this would be a good time to try to reassure the Pyongyang regime while pressing for full disclosure on the nuclear weapons issue. Dr. Boutillier argued that a selective application of modest CBMs might help to achieve both goals.

In the discussion that followed the Boutillier paper, there was considerable interest in exploring how unstable the situation on the Korean peninsula was and what reactions there might be to

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1. This report concentrates on general summaries of the discussions following each paper presentation. Although the basic nature of each paper is noted, there is no detailed summary of its content because the papers are included in this volume.