

Building upon the general theme of "Peacebuilding on the Korean Peninsula" and drawing from the practical, realtime experience gained regionally and elsewhere as well as from the proceedings of previous Workshops, the third NPACW acted both as an analytical tool, as well as a catalyst, in the peninsular NACD process. It provided focus for identifying problem areas to be addressed and, by extrapolation, builds upon our existing experience. It will form a basis for the identification of practical solutions and alternatives.

In this proceedings, the Peninsula's peace and stability problem area is addressed from the perspectives of Peninsular as well as non-Peninsular players. The "perspective" papers represent the personal views and assessments of the authors. The "overarching" papers by Dr. George Lindsey and Dr. James Bayer represent useful synthesis of some of the points raised from the perspectives of Peninsular and non-Peninsular players, but are not meant to be a consensus in any area.

If a message emerged from this May 1997 Workshop in Seoul, it is that increased transparency in the military field is a prerequisite to attaining permanent peace and security. Two of the most important processes toward increased transparency are the building of confidence between nations and the effective and impartial on-going monitoring and verification (OMV) of compliance with commitments made under treaties and agreements finally arrived at. These proceedings form a firm basis for continued research in NACD activities on a worldwide basis and for applying that experience to modelling an effective OMV regime related to peace and security on the Korean Peninsula.

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