

Memorandum on the Diplomatic Conference on Iran's Nuclear Program
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)
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Background

Despite demands from the Permanent Five and the threat of sanctions, Iran has refused to cease its nuclear program. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei continues to say that the program is intended only for peaceful energy purposes. Regardless, continued work on the program is in violation of a United Nations Security Council deadline that work be suspended by August 31. In light of the recent nuclear test by the DPRK on October 9, punishments for both countries are closely linked. As the Security Council members look to discipline North Korea, they do so with awareness that a punishment for North Korea will potentially provide incentive for Iran to cooperate. However, as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has explicitly stated, sanctions on North Korea would not deter Iran.

Core Objectives

The DPRK delegation must act, above all, to preserve the sovereignty of all states. Every country should have the right to its own self-determination, as set out in the United Nations Charter. Iran's ability to develop its nuclear program falls within these rights. Furthermore, the DPRK finds the recent positions and actions of the United States in particular to in great challenge to this fundamental right. Explicitly hegemonic behavior such as unfounded preemptive war, regime change, and this current insistence that another growing power halt its energy-based nuclear program, is offensive to the DPRK. North Korea would like to see Iran preserve its nuclear weapons program and exist as a strong power in the face of this attempted global dictator.

Threat Assessment

The assessment of Iran's nuclear program as one with dangerous intent is inaccurate and unfounded. No other country should be able to dictate that Iran's program is ill intentioned or that it does not deserve to have such a program, for weapons or energy. Any punishment following from this logic will set the precedent for the fallacious standard that the United States and its cronies are supreme countries who are allowed to dictate other countries' domestic agendas. Such a standard will threaten all states in the future, particularly those declared the "Axis of Evil" by the United States, which includes the DPRK. Also, as the link exists between UNSC policies towards Iran and North Korea, it is in North Korea's interest to ensure that Iran goes unpunished for its program and that its program be allowed to continue. Furthermore, the economy and well being of North Korea depends largely on weapons—the DPRK must ensure that it maintains a market for weapons sales. The DPRK must do everything in its power to preserve its sovereignty and political autonomy.

Conference Goals

- The DPRK must act carefully in order to ensure that its own future as a nuclear power is solid.
 - To allow another country to be bullied into submission will continue on the deplorable tradition of Western supremacy.
 - Furthermore, North Korea has no other alternative through which it can gain respect on the global stage.
- China is an important ally to the DPRK, given its support through the years and its oil and aid. However, at this point in time North Korea would have to apologize for its missile launch and end its nuclear program in order to regain their support, and neither of these sacrifices are reasonable right now.
 - Should there be some opportunity for the DPRK to make up with China without compromising any of its main objectives, it should certainly try to do so.
- North Korea deserves the respect and consideration of any other superpower. The fact that Iran is getting so much attention when they don't even have weapons is a source of wounded pride for the DPRK.
 - Diplomatic treatment such as being called "a monkey," "insane," or any other offensive names will not be taken well by the DPRK. It may lead to some huge reactions, perhaps even nuclear ones, to instill fear into the hearts of those who offend the DPRK.
 - Those who treat the DPRK with real respect will also receive respect from the DPRK.
- As Iran positions itself at the head of the anti-Western movement, with its recent public denunciations of the United States and assertions of anti-Western superiority, their agenda certainly deserves our support.

The Delegation Member respectfully submits this memorandum to the Delegation Chair and the Supreme Leader.