

WFWP Europe Co-creating peace and reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula

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The Korean War, which began in 1950, 70 years ago, concluded with an armistice. The Korean people on the once unified peninsula, with a common history, culture and language, were left divided.

WFWP, along with its partners, has designed and been advocating at the United Nations, for a women's peace zone project at the demilitarized zone (DMZ). This women's DMZ project seeks to anticipate the needs of and plans for a future of peace, and launches a concrete proposal of establishing in or near the DMZ, a "Peacebuilding/Partnership meeting place for women".



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BACKGROUND

THE KOREAN WAR, WHICH BEGAN IN 1950 70 YEARS AGO, CONCLUDED WITH AN ARMISTICE. THE KOREAN PEOPLE, ON THE ONCE UNIFIED PENINSULA, WITH A COMMON HISTORY, CULTURE AND LANGUAGE, WERE LEFT DIVIDED.

THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE HAS DEDICATED ITS EFFORTS TO PEACEFUL PROCESSES OF RECONCILIATION THROUGH A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AIMING TO SERVE THE RECONCILIATION OF THE TWO KOREAS.

IT IS TIME TO MAKE EVEN MORE OF AN EFFORT TO ACCELERATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE PEACE IN THE AREA THROUGH DIALOGUE AND, CIVIL SOCIETY AND GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES THAT BUILD PERSONAL CONNECTIONS.

WFWP, ALONG WITH ITS PARTNERS, HAS DESIGNED AND HAS BEEN ADVOCATING AT THE UNITED NATIONS FOR A WOMEN'S PEACE ZONE PROJECT AT THE DMZ. THIS WOULD BE A PROTECTED AND WELCOME PLACE WHERE WOMEN FROM NORTH AND SOUTH COULD BE FREE TO MEET TO PLAN AND BUILD PEACE FROM THE BOTTOM UP IN THE PRISTINE AND SYMBOLIC ENVIRONMENT OF THE UNTOUCHED DMZ.

IN THE WORDS OF UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR, TOMAS OJEA QUINTANA, “NOW IT IS THE TIME TO INVEST ALL EFFORTS TO PUSH FOR SUBSTANTIVE ENGAGEMENT AND A MEANINGFUL OPENING, A FUTURE FORGED THROUGH THE ENERGY AND GOODWILL OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE WHICH MEETS THEIR HOPES, EXPECTATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS. WHEN I SEE THAT THIS WOMEN'S DMZ PROJECT SEEKS TO ANTICIPATE THE NEEDS OF, AND PLANS FOR A FUTURE OF PEACE, AND LAUNCHES A CONCRETE PROPOSAL OF ESTABLISHING IN OR NEAR THE DMZ A “PEACEBUILDING/PARTNERSHIP MEETING PLACE FOR WOMEN”, I FEEL HOPEFUL ABOUT PROSPECTS OF PEACE.