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The Embassy of the Republic of Korea presents its compliments to all Delegations/Missions of the OSCE Participating States, the Secretariat of the OSCE, Partners for Cooperation and Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation to the OSCE and has the honor to circulate herewith the concept paper on the 2005 OSCE-Korea Conference on New Security Threats and a New Security Paradigm.

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Delegations/Missions of the OSCE Participating States, the Secretariat of the OSCE, Partners for Cooperation and Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation to the OSCE the assurances of its highest consideration.

Encl.: as stated

Vienna, 22 December 2004



**Concept Paper**  
**2005 OSCE-Korea Conference**  
**"New Security Threats and a New Security Paradigm"**  
**The Republic of Korea**  
**(Seoul, 25-27 April 2005)**

***1. Introduction***

As one of the OSCE's Partners for Cooperation, the Republic of Korea has actively joined the OSCE's efforts in developing and implementing the idea of multilateral security cooperation in today's world. The First OSCE-Korea Conference was held in 2001 under the theme "Applicability of OSCE CSBMs in Northeast Asia". In a continued spirit of cooperation, the Government of Korea will host the Second OSCE-Korea Conference under the theme "New Security Threats and a New Security Paradigm".

With the profound changes taking place in the global security environment, this is an opportune time for such a conference to take place. With the rise of non-traditional, multi-dimensional security threats, the need to intensify multilateral cooperation has grown stronger than ever. This is particularly true in the case of East Asia, which has witnessed the emergence of various non-traditional security threats including piracy, SARS and Avian Influenza in recent years.

Throughout the post-Cold War era, transnational security threats such as terrorism, drug trafficking, migration, and international organized crime have continued to increase across the globe. As emphasized by the "OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century", these new threats differ from the conventional threats in nature and scope. To effectively counter these unprecedented threats, it is necessary to clearly define their nature and ramifications and as well as the impact they have on international peace. By doing so, we will effectively be meeting not only the challenges in the here and now, but also potential threats that may not be foreseeable at this point.

At the same time, it is crucial to establish and develop a new paradigm to address the new challenges of the twenty-first century. The conventional approach to security based on the use of force on clearly defined threats cannot effectively counter the new challenges to security that we face today. The transnational nature of new security threats also calls for ever closer cooperation among countries as no single country can effectively deal with its security problems on its own. A new paradigm, encompassing all types of security and

involving all actors in the international security arena must be actively explored, critically evaluated and fully developed.

In addressing new security threats and developing a new security paradigm, the Conference aims to highlight the necessity of cross-regional cooperation and support between Europe and Asia. Sharing of the OSCE experience in addressing new security threats and forming counter-strategies will constitute a valuable contribution to the identification of newly emerging threats in East Asia, and the prospect of establishing regional security cooperation in the region.

## ***2. Conference Objectives***

- To assess the nature and ramifications of new security threats and challenges.
- To encourage the sharing of experiences and information in countering new security threats between the European and Asia-Pacific regions.
- To explore means of cooperation between the European and the Asia-Pacific regions to counter new security threats.
- To examine ways to pursue the establishment of a multilateral security consultative body in the Northeast Asian region.

## ***3. Conference Program***

- **Theme**  
New Security Threats and a New Security Paradigm
- **Sub-Themes**  
Session 1: New Security Threats and Countermeasures  
Session 2: The Need for a New Security Paradigm  
Session 3: A New Security Paradigm in Northeast Asia

## ***4. Details***

- A. Dates:** 25-27 April, 2005
- B. Venue:** International Conference Room at the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Seoul

## **C. Work Schedule**

### Monday, 25 April 2005

a.m. : Opening Session / First Session

p.m. : Second Session

### Tuesday, 26 April 2005

a.m. : Third Session / Closing Session

### Wednesday, 27 April 2005

Field Trip to Mt. Kungang (Optional)

## **5. Modalities**

### **A. Participants**

Participants will be Senior Officials and experts from all OSCE participating States, the OSCE's Partners for Cooperation, the OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation and relevant intergovernmental as well as international institutions including the United Nations, ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Organization of American States (OAS), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), African Union (AU). Representatives of civil society (academia, international non-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the media, etc.) will also be invited to the Conference.

### **B. Presentation**

Each session will have a moderator, a rapporteur, four presenters and two discussants (two presenters from the Republic of Korea; one from the OSCE participating States or Secretariat; and one from Partners for Cooperation, Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation, relevant intergovernmental organizations or international institutions). The presenters will be given ten minutes to make their presentations. The discussants will be given five minutes.

### **C. Co-sponsorship with or Special Coverage by a Major Korean Newspaper**

Arrangements for press coverage will be made. Holding of interviews with the press is recommended.

### **D. Cost of the Field Trip**

The host country will cover half the expenses of the field trip to Mt. Kungang. / End /