

Proposal for Policy Directions for Inter-Korean Exchange and Cooperation

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1. (Respect for Support Ideas from NGOs) The Ministry of Unification should allow NGOs to collaborate with North Korea on sustainable exchange and development with creative ideas, within the legal framework.

※ Article 2, Paragraph 4 of the Inter-Korean Exchange and Cooperation Act states that "cooperative projects" refer to all activities jointly conducted by residents (including corporations and organizations) of South and North Korea in areas such as the environment, economy, statistics, academics, science and technology, information and communications, culture, sports, tourism, health and medical care, quarantine, transportation, agriculture, forestry, livestock, and marine and fisheries. - The law stipulates that the main actors in inter-Korean exchange and cooperation must be individuals and private organizations.

2. (Expanding the Scope of Utilization of the Inter-Korean Cooperation Fund) The Ministry of Unification should establish a fund to build a support base for peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula.

※ The Inter-Korean Cooperation Fund should be utilized in policies that actively encourage the participation of civil society organizations and the public in promoting peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula.

※ More than 70% of civil society organizations are concentrated in the Seoul area, and only one organization exists in North Gyeongsang Province, resulting in an imbalance.

3. (Coexistence and Co-prosperity between South and North Korea) The Ministry of Unification should protect the right to life of the Korean Peninsula's national community and promote inter-Korean cooperation in areas that promote coexistence and co-prosperity.

※ The Ministry of Unification's philosophy of unification (human-centered liberal democracy) and the first stage of the unification process, reconciliation and cooperation.

※ The ongoing African Swine Fever outbreak from 2019 to the present.

4. (Guidelines for Resolving UN Sanctions and Support) The Ministry of Unification should understand North Korea's current social and cultural environment, improve the international community environment (UN sanctions), develop a realistic support policy direction, and provide realistic guidelines to civil society organizations to achieve this.

※ The Ministry of Unification demands an agreement that does not reflect North Korea's reality.

※ Negotiations are needed to resolve US sanctions against North Korea – cooperation with other ministries.

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