



# **The European Union's Future Relations with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

***--High Level Seminar at the European Parliament  
convened by  
Mr Glyn Ford MEP and Mr Jules Maaten MEP--***

**Tuesday 15 October 2002  
Venue: European Parliament,  
ASP Room 5 H 1  
Rue Wiertz, B-1047 Brussels**

***Jointly organised by the European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels and  
the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, Europe Office, Brussels.***

## **9:30 PRESS-BRIEFING (European Parliament Press Room)**

<i>H.E. Mr Carsten STAUR</i>	<i>State Secretary Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kingdom of Denmark</i>
<i>Mr Glyn FORD</i>	<i>Member European Parliament and Member Delegation to Democratic People's Republic of Korea</i>
<i>Mr Jules MAATEN</i>	<i>Member European Parliament and Rapporteur on EU- Asia Report for the Committee on Foreign Affairs</i>
<i>Mr Percy Westerlund</i>	<i>Director, North America, East Asia, ... DG External Relations, European Commission</i>

Mr Carsten Staur, State Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark, the Parliamentary Conveners Mr Glyn Ford, MEP, Member of the EP Delegation for Relations with DPRK, Mr Jules Maaten MEP, Rapporteur on EU-Asia Relations and Representatives of the Organisers, Mr Percy Westerlund, Director, European Commission will brief the Brussels Press Corps about the objectives and the significance of the High Level Seminar.

## **ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION ONLY**

### **10:30      OPENING STATEMENTS**

*Mr Glyn FORD*

*Member European Parliament and Member  
Delegation to Democratic People's Republic of Korea*

*H.E. Mr Carsten STAUR*

*State Secretary  
Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark*

### **11:00      SESSION TWO: **POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON EU-DPRK RELATIONS****

**Chair: Mr Ulrich Niemann, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung**

*H.E. Mr CHOI Su Hon*

*Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea*

H. E. Mr Choi Su Hon will speak about the aims and objectives of the DPRK's initiative to seek diplomatic relations with all the EU Member States.

*Mr Aidan FOSTER-CARTER*

*Senior Research Fellow  
Leeds University, United Kingdom*

Mr Aidan Foster-Carter will analyse the impact of the 'Sunshine Policy' on the political and economic situation within the Korean Peninsula. In what ways may the post 11/9 change of US foreign policy by the Bush administration ('axis of evil') affect the long-term relationships in the Korean Peninsula? To what extent has the economic situation of the DPRK improved? What is the likely impact of the recent economic reform measures adopted by the DPRK?

*Mr Percy WESTERLUND*

*Director, DG External Relations,  
European Commission*

Mr Westerlund will assess the evolution of the relations with DPRK and the prospects for further developing EU's engagement with DPRK, taking into account the broader political context.

*Comments and Discussion*

13:00      Members of the Audience are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for lunch. (P.S. The Self-Service Cafeteria is located at the ground floor of the European Parliament's Altiero Spinelli building).

14:30

**SESSION THREE:**

**FRAMEWORK FOR EU-DPRK ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**

**Chair: Dr Willem van der Geest, Director, European Institute for Asian Studies**

*Mr KIM Son Gyong*                      *Director, European Department,*  
*(Or other DPRK Delegate)*      *Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pyongyang*

Mr Kim Son Gyong will analyse the economic and financial perspectives of the DPRK in the context of domestic human and financial resources as well as the ongoing cooperation with the Republic of Korea, the People' s Republic of China and others. What conclusions may be drawn regarding the need for future involvement of the multi-lateral development finance institutions, eg ADB, World Bank and IMF? What should be the role of the EU?

*Dr Rüdiger FRANK*                      *Research Fellow, Korea Institute, Humboldt*  
*University, Berlin and Visiting Professor,*  
*East Asian Institute, Columbia University.*

Dr Rüdiger Frank will review the prospects for future developments on the Korean Peninsula. Possible scenarios of economic cooperation and the political aspects of such cooperation will be analysed, with a focus on its regional dimensions.

*Maria Castillo-Fernandez*      *Principal Administrator (DPRK-desk)*  
*DG External Relations, European Commission*

Ms Maria Castillo-Fernandez will outline the main objectives of the European Commission' s Country Strategy for the DPRK. What will be the possible role of the EU and what are promising fields of assistance and collaboration? What will be the main modalities of their implementation?

*Comments and Discussion*

15:45

**Break for Coffee and Tea**

16.00

**SESSION FOUR:**

**SECURITY ISSUES OF EUROPEAN UNION AND DPRK RELATIONS**

**Chair: David Fouquet, Secretary General, European Institute for Asian Studies**

*Mr. SO Chang Sik \**                      *Vice Director Europe*  
*(Or other Delegate DPRK)*              *Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DPRK*

Mr So Chang Sik will review the recent changes in DPRK security policy.

*Mr Glyn FORD*                              *Member European Parliament and Member*  
*Delegation to Democratic People' s Republic of Korea*

*Comments and Discussion*

17.00

**CONCLUDING REMARKS:**

*H.E. Mr Patrick VAN HAUTE*              *Chef du Cabinet de Ministre, Annemie Neyts*  
*Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium*

*Mr Jules MAATEN*                              *Member European Parliament and Rapporteur on EU-*  
*Asia Communication, Committee on Foreign Affairs*

*H.E. Mr CHOI*                                      *Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,*  
*Democratic People' s Republic of Korea*

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**CLOSE OF MEETING**