



**DRAFT EMERGENCY RESOLUTION No. 2)**

**PSI STANDS UP AND SPEAKS OUT: DIPLOMACY, NOT WAR**

**The 30<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Public Services International (PSI),  
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**WHEREAS** tensions between the United States of America and North Korea have risen in recent months, with both nations locked in a dangerous standoff of growing mistrust and provocative threats. PSI is profoundly concerned about the threats and insults that could take us to the brink of a nuclear war. We need to stand up and speak out, now.

**WHEREAS** World powers have a common interest and a responsibility to work together in the effort to stop the United States and North Korea from triggering a crisis that threatens the world order. The search for a resolution to this conflict requires engagement and diplomacy of the highest order that leads to negotiations with all parties in the region and with the cooperation of the entire international community.

**WHEREAS** the North Korean government has escalated its nuclear weapon and missile capabilities, and United States President Donald Trump has responded with threats to “totally destroy” North Korea; and the U.S. and South Korea are engaging in joint military exercises rehearsing military options against North Korea;

**WHEREAS** the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) has pointed to the nuclear standoff between Washington and Pyongyang as “a wake-up call,” highlighting the urgent need to disarm the world’s 15,000 nuclear weapons;

**WHEREAS** the prospect of nuclear conflict is a threat to every country at a time when we face a host of important political, economic, and social challenges;

**WHEREAS** this vicious cycle must be broken. Sanctions, isolation and threats against North Korea have not worked. Diplomacy with North Korea, however, is possible, as we saw in 1994 with the Framework Agreement, and again with the Six-Party Talks from 2003 – 2007. As recently as June of 2017, North Korean diplomats have expressed willingness to consider exchanging a freeze in nuclear weapons and missile testing for a freeze in the U.S-South Korea joint military exercises;

**WHEREAS** Congress stands with PSI member organizations in the region – South Korea, Japan, Guam, and the Philippines – in seeking a diplomatic approach that is consistent and predictable to ensure stability in the region.

Therefore, Congress

**CALLS** on North Korea and the United States to stop the threatening actions, reckless language, and dangerous weapons-testing and begin negotiating immediately.

**CALLS** on Donald Trump to stop tweeting and start talking;

**CALLS** on the regional powers – North Korea, South Korea, China, Japan, Russia, and the United States – to pursue a diplomatic course of action based on multilateral dialogue;

**CALLS** for all parties to work towards establishing a permanent peace through a Peace Treaty to end the Korean War, and the peaceful, complete and verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, including elimination of the threat of nuclear pre-emptive strike by the U.S.

**SUPPORTS** initiatives to improve inter-Korean relations through economic, cultural and worker-to-worker exchange between North and South Korea.

**AFFIRMS** the vital importance of the framework for peace established by the many United Nations treaties addressing nuclear proliferation, including the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of the Nuclear Weapons and Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and

**CALLS** on PSI to work with affiliates in South Korea, the United States, and other concerned countries to educate PSI affiliates and members about the current conflict, its background and what it means for workers.

**CALLS** on PSI affiliates in South Korea, the United States and other concerned countries to exchange views on the current conflict with the goal of coming to a collective understanding and building an international workers' strategy to achieve peace on the Korean Peninsula and East Asian region.

**STANDS RESOLUTE** that diplomacy and negotiation, not brinkmanship and war, must be our way forward.

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