The UN and Non-Governmental Roles in Keeping on the Track the Negotiation and Implementation of the Agreements toward Peace and Denuclearization in Northeast Asia

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The negotiation and implementation process following the summit would possibly take a winding course.

Three Topics to be considered after a bilateral summit sets up an agreed starting point:

- Consolidation of Clear Common Goals through Multilateralization
- Prolonged Time Necessary for a Success
- Supporting, Monitoring and Mediating Roles
Consolidation of Clear Common Goals through Multilateralization

Possible agreements with common goals that could be reached at the US-DPRK summit will come out in the form of a set of agreements, hopefully including a CVI Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula on one hand and a properly warranted security assurance on the other hand.

Once bilateral agreements at the highest level are reached, a reasonable next step will be to make those common goals more solid and firm through multilateralization.
Two major reasons why prolonged time is necessary for a success

- DPRK's consistent position: “Its possession of H-bomb and ICBM is a part of self-defensive measures to put a definite end to the nuclear threats and hostile policy of the U.S. and safeguard its sovereignty, right to existence and development.”

- The deeply-rooted mutual distrust: “Kang Sok-gu told me he didn’t trust the United States, and I (Robert Gallucci) of course told him that we didn’t trust the DPRK.”

A CVID process has also to be a step by step trust building process.
Supporting, Monitoring and Mediating Roles

UN Roles:
- Assignment of a U.N. disarmament official to work for the Korean peace process
- Resolutions for support adopted in the General Assembly and/or in the Security Council
- Establishment of non-governmental groups, including expert groups

Civil Society Roles:
- Keeping the public receiving timely and unbiased information.
- Mediation roles among divided public opinions and political forces through reliable professional information