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US-ROK Strategic Dialogue
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April 29-30, 2010

AGENDA

April 28, 2010 – Wednesday

Participants Arrive

6:30 PM Welcome Reception and Dinner – *Gazebo Lawn*

April 29, 2010 – Thursday

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast – *Oahu Room*

9:00 AM Opening Remarks

9:30 AM **Session 1: Perceptions of the Strategic Security Environment**

US presenter: Michael Auslin

ROK presenter: Hwang Jaeho

This session explores each country's view of the security environment to identify issues, and highlight shared and divergent concerns. What are the principal strategic challenges to each country and to regional security and stability? How have these perceptions and concerns evolved? How are these challenges best addressed? How do US and Korean perceptions overlap? How are they different? How can the United States and the ROK best work together to address perceptions that may indicate divergent interests or lead to competing strategies?

11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:15 AM **Session 2: Korean Peninsula Dynamics**

ROK presenter: Jun Bong-geun

US presenter: Scott Snyder

This session focuses on security relations on the Korean Peninsula. How does each country characterize Korean Peninsula dynamics? How do they characterize the state of the Six-Party Talks? What influence do North-South relations and unification policies have on the US-ROK alliance? How do US-DPRK relations and six-party negotiations impact the alliance? What role should multilateral institutions such as the Six-Party Talks have in defining security relations on the

Peninsula? How should the US and ROK deal with a potential collapse in North Korea? What role should China, Japan and/or the U.N. play in security relations on the peninsula?

12:30 PM Lunch – *Royal Ocean Terrace Restaurant*

1:30 PM **Session 3: Global Nuclear Dynamics**

ROK presenter: Park Chang Kwoun

US presenter: Emily Warren

The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the spread of nuclear weapons in particular has been called one of the world's top security challenges. Does the ROK share this assessment? How are we individually, as well as in the Alliance, affected by the nuclear proliferation challenge? How does each country assess the effectiveness of the nonproliferation regime? What could be done to make it more effective? What are likely to be the key issues at the NPT Review Conference? How do nuclear energy issues – in particular, the perceived ROK need for enrichment capabilities – fit into the broader nonproliferation agenda?

3:00 PM Coffee Break

3:15 PM **Session 4: Thinking about Deterrence**

ROK presenter: Cheon Seongwhon

US presenter: Mike McDevitt

The session explores national thinking about deterrence. How does US extended deterrence factor in ROK national defense calculations? What are the key components of US extended deterrence? How are they maintained? Will deterrence remain as important post-unification? How can it be made more effective?

5:00 PM Session adjourns

6:30 PM Reception and Dinner - *Oceanfront Cottage Lawn*

April 30, 2010 – Friday

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast - *Oahu Room*

9:00 AM **Session 5: Nuclear Policy Dynamics**

ROK presenter: Choi Kang

US presenter: John Park

How does each country understand the impact of global and regional nuclear dynamics? What are the key forces driving changes in nuclear dynamics? What is the relationship between regional and global developments? How does each country articulate its concerns, formulate policies, and explain them to domestic and international audiences. How do other strategic systems such as BMD and improved conventional capabilities shape nuclear policy? Will a nonnuclear security umbrella suffice? Is this view changing? Is the ROK contemplating more self-reliant or ‘hedging’ strategies? How does each government view the prospect and possible impact of movement toward zero and nuclear disarmament? How could movement toward zero impact the alliance and global nuclear dynamics?

10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:45 AM **Session 6: The Alliance**
ROK presenter: Kim Tae Woo
US presenter: Gordon Flake

This session focuses on views of the bilateral security alliance. How do Koreans and Americans rate the health and mutual respect of the alliance? What are the two countries’ respective roles and responsibilities within the alliance? What does each country identify as the major problems in alliance relations? How can they be fixed? What is each side’s view of the roadmap for OPCON transfer in 2012? Is the ROK prepared to assume the lead role? Is the US prepared for the ROK to assume the lead role? Will the US commitment be (or appear to be) diminished?

12:30 PM Lunch – *Gazebo Lawn*

2:00 PM **Session 7: The Future of the US-ROK Alliance**
US Presenter: Katy Oh-Hassig
ROK Presenter: Beum Chul Shin

This session will focus on the future of the alliance and ways to make it more effective. Do the two countries share a common vision of the alliance’s future? What is it? What are the key challenges to the realization of that vision? How can the two countries ensure that the alliance contributes to national defense and regional security? How can the alliance work with other US allies – in particular, Japan but also Australia – and partners, such as India? How can it engage China? How can both work together toward a safer nonnuclear world?

3:30 PM **Session 8: Conclusions and Wrap Up**

4:00 PM Conference adjourns – free evening

6:15 PM Luau attendees meet in Lobby