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**Statement for DMZ Gathering of World Religious Leaders**

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For many decades political leaders have sought to resolve and heal the division between the people of North and South Korea.

Religious leaders have prayed for a resolution as well.

During the past decade the world community has become much more interconnected and interdependent, and the need for unity is greater than ever as we seek to solve global problems that affect us all.

We come together now, as a global religious community, representing a multiplicity of faiths and cultures, to pray for reconciliation and healing between the North and South of this Korean Peninsula – for cooperation and collaboration and a vision for moving forward into the future.

The people of the North and the South share an ancient culture, rich in tradition and history, one that has contributed greatly to world civilization.

They share resources and sacred places, religious heritage, language and historical memories.

The differences pale compared with all they have in common.

At this time, when world leaders are gathering in Seoul for the G20 Summit to address the financial state of the world and to seek greater economic equity and balance, we pray that these efforts will serve to bring greater unity and harmony to this region of the world.

Appreciating our unity as a human family, respecting the differences that distinguish our different nations, let us pledge to work together for a new understanding of a shared prosperity.

As a spiritual community we recognize the critical need to work for greater balance between our material and spiritual aspirations.

We are gathering in Seoul for a parallel G20 Summit to help foster a new understanding of prosperity.

Let us pledge to address compassionately the needs of all, to use wisely the resources of nature with regard for the generations to come, and to think creatively of new structures and systems that will help us create a more balanced, caring and life sustaining world community.

May world leaders from around the world join in this effort.

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