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North Korea's Emerging Security Policies in the Kim Jung Un Era and Recommendations for Inter-Korean Cooperations: Focusing on Infectious Diseases, Environment, and Natural Disasters

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Among the various issues of Emerging Security - in contrast to Traditional Security - infectious diseases and natural disasters have recently become the most frequent occurrence, thus threatening the lives and safety of human beings. In the year 2020 alone, the entire world suffered the scourge of COVID-19, and every year both North and South Korea have incurred great losses due to typhoons and floods. Kim Jung-Un, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, realizing that these new threats to be serious issues that would affect national security, is devoting all of his energy to manage this crisis - such as presiding over the highest

national decision making body himself to give direction for concrete measures. On the policy side, Kim Jung-Un is actively pursuing such measures not only in regard to related laws and institutions, but also in regard to establishing a mid to long term macro plan, as well as to developing technology centered on automation and modernization. Considering that Emerging Security threats knows no boundaries, countermeasures would be most effective when acted upon jointly by nations. That being said, Inter-Korean cooperation would be more important as the two Koreas share a border. Inter-Korean cooperation in regard to Emerging Security has a humanitarian characteristic that is directly related to human life. It is a cooperative enterprise which has great symbolic significance in the sense that North and South Korea must work together to prepare for the threats to come. In the case of East and West Germany, the two countries pursued - as a priority - cooperation in the field of infectious disease, environment and disaster. This contributed greatly to reunification. In the past, there was Inter-Korean cooperation in the field of infectious disease, environment and disaster, but they were mainly one-time or aid measures

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that lacked sustainability. For Inter-Korean cooperation in regard to Emerging Security, a Preventive Cooperation system through mutual information exchange and the creation of a joint response body is important. Also, rather than the government pursuing this alone, Cooperation through Governance - in which local governments and private organizations participate - should be established. Also, the possibility and depth of Inter-Korean cooperation should be expanded through International Cooperation. In particular, this is a matter of 'creating a community of life of the people' that secures human life and safety. Thus, its structure should be that of Stable Cooperation, which can be pursued with sustainability regardless of political changes.

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