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**Statement on the US-North Korea Summit**

On the occasion of US-North Korea Summit, Japan AALA issued following statement

Japan AALA welcomes the historic US-North Korea summit talks, calls on Japanese Government to make drastic change on foreign policy

The historic US – North Korean summit meeting between the US President Donald Trump and the State Chairman Kim Jong-un of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) was held in Singapore on June 12,2018. The two leaders declared that they will establish a new US-DPRK relationship and join their efforts to build a lasting and robust peace regime on the Korean Peninsula. We sincerely welcome the both having made the summit happen in reality, declaring peace after many years of hostility with repeated military threats. We consider the event as a substantial turning point that will ease tension in the Northeast Asia and build enduring peace in the region.

The joint statement clearly states that “President Trump committed to provide security guarantee to the North Korea”, which means military attacks or nuclear intimidation will not happen in the future, while Chairman Kim “reaffirmed his firm and unwavering commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula” . And the both “reaffirming the April 17, 2018 Panmunjom Declaration, commit to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula”. There may be lots of difficulties in establishing a permanent peace regime and pushing forward concrete process of denuclearization; we expect that both countries and related nations will make prompt and sincere efforts to make these pledges into reality.

Recognizing the fact that Japan had provided logistic backup to UN Forces at the Korean War and is currently keeping its Command-Rear in its territory, the Japanese government should accept the outcome of the US-North Korea summit meeting and the joint statement, play more active role in ending the Korean War and establishing peace regime, and complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Furthermore, the government must exercise maximum efforts to resume negotiations to normalize diplomatic relations between Japan and North Korea, and resolve various issues including so-called settlement of colonial rule, legal status of the Koreans in Japan and abduction of Japanese citizens. With confidence of the newly opened prospect for peace in Northeast Asia, Japan AALA

will continue its efforts to have Japan independently participate in this historic work.

At the press conference after the summit talk, President Trump expressed his intention to suspend the US-South Korea joint military exercises and his desire to withdraw 32,000 US servicemen from South Korea in the future. Although it is unknown whether his remarks were based on thorough discussions in the US government or not, this attitude had been expressed time and again since the presidential election. We think that it reflects growing difficulties for the U.S to maintain a large military presence in East Asia and it is inevitable that East Asia's security system which has been based on the massive forward deployment of the US armed forces will face with a substantial change soon or later. Japan AALA reaffirms its vision that it is the wide ranging citizen movement calling for nuclear-free and non-alliance international solidarity that will promote denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and establish peace regime, and will continue to strive toward nuclear-free, non-alliance neutral Japan and to establish a community of peace and corporation in the East Asia.

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