

PROMOTING SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND TAIWAN STRAIT

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Abstract:

For all the differences in the details of their situations, the Korean peninsula and the Taiwan Strait present similar problems and positive possibilities when it comes to conflict resolution. This paper will focus on the positive elements, for these might provide opportunities for reducing tensions and managing dangerous circumstances. Three models of multilateral cooperation are presented as possible ways forward for the Korean and Chinese parties. Even though the models are drawn from the Southeast Asian experience (ASEAN), elements of them are present in the Korea and Taiwan cases. Much depends for implementation of any of these models, however, on progress in improving East Asia's two most critical relationships: the United States and China, and China and Japan. The paper therefore explores as well how those two sets of bilateral relations need to change in order for security and cooperation to be enhanced through multilateral means.