

End U.S. Military Control over the South Korean Armed Forces

Whereas, the South Korean military (ROK Armed Forces) is one of the largest standing armed forces in the world, with some 600,000 active soldiers and three million reserve;

Whereas, the ROK military has undergone many modernization programs in the past, now ranking as the sixth military power in the world, while its military spending outpaces North Korea (DPRK) by 12 times (www.globalfirepower.com);

Whereas, the U.S. military in South Korea took over the operational control of the ROK military from July 1950, soon after the outbreak of the Korean War;

Whereas, while the U.S. military returned peacetime operational control of the ROK military in 1994, Commander of the U.S. Forces Korea (also, commanding the “ROK-US Combined Forces Command and the fake “UN Command”) still retains wartime operational control of the ROK military at this time; and

Whereas, in 2007, the U.S. Government promised to return wartime operational control of the ROK military by 2012, but this has been delayed twice already with no end in sight;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, **Veterans For Peace**, voting by its members in 2021,

- 1) Condemns the 70-year long, neo-colonial control of the ROK military by the U.S. military in South Korea;
- 2) Calls upon the U.S. Government to return wartime operational control of the ROK Armed Forces to the ROK Government immediately so that the latter can become a real independent, sovereign State;
- 3) Urges the U.S. Government to withdraw our 30,000 troops from Korea by 2022, in recognition of the ROK’s military strength; and
- 4) Urges VFP members and local Chapters to send a copy of this resolution to their respective members of Congress.

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