

Alliance for a responsible, plural and united world

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Regional group

NORTHEAST ASIA – KOREA and JAPAN

Priorities issues adapted to the regional context for action

1.

Dialogue for peace

1.1.

Reunification of North and South Korea

1.2.

Peace and reconciliation in Asia.

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Eg. Revision of Japanese history textbooks in the formal education system

1.3.

Disarmament : Call from Hiroshima

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Nuclear abolishment for a Culture of Peace in the 21st century

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Comprehensive disarmament : stop the production, use and export of small arms

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Gradual reduction of military expenditure – Peace dividend : gradual channeling of military expenditure to social development

1.4.

UN Reform

1.5.

Need for civil peace movements

1.6.

Democracy for peace, peace for democracy : the inter-dependancy

2.

Sustainable development

2.1.

Growth oriented policy to sustainable development

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Need to change consumption patterns

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Needs for integration of all aspects of life for sustainable development including culture, society, economic policy and technological development

2.2.

Sustainable food sovereignty : local produce for local consumption

2.3.

Role of science and technology for progress

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Need for democratization of science (North-South)

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Need for appropriate and sustainable technology development

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Need for channeling resources / funds to citizen-oriented science, autonomous from government-oriented or market-oriented science

2.4.

Sustainable energy : energy efficiency, renewable energy

2.5.

Development of industrial ecology

3.

Local community development

3.1.

Empowerment of the grass-roots

3.2.

Participation of all local actors in community development

4.

Education for the 21st century

4.1.

Education for social and human responsibility (children / youth)

4.2.

Gender – sensitive education

4.3.

Education for green consumers

4.4.

Education to foster critical thinking rather than fragmented knowledge

5.

Governance and corruption

5.1.

Fight against corruption at all levels : global, national, regional, local levels (with a focus on government institutions, international organizations, economic and financial enterprises)

5.2.

Fight against Overseas Development Aid (ODA) corruption

5.3.

Demand social accountability of Trans-National Cooperations (TNCs)

6.

Public and private sectors

6.1.

Social development (education, health care, social welfare-focus on the elderly- and housing should not be profit-oriented, but rather to be based on public interests/policy).

6.2.

Accountability of public sector.

7.

Cultural identity in a globalizing world

7.1.

Strengthen cultural identity in an increasingly globalized world

8.

gender as cross cutting theme

8.1. Gender issues to be addressed as across-cutting theme throughout all priority issues