

**Northeast Asia Cooperation Dialogue 18**  
**Moscow, Russia**  
**13–14 November 2007**

**Meeting Report**

***Overview***

The eighteenth NEACD meeting took place in November 2007 in Moscow to explore how to establish a permanent Northeast Asia security and peace regime. The goal was to come up with practical, consensus-based proposals for a road map that would help to inform the deliberations of the Six Party Talks Working Group on the Northeast Asia Peace and Security Mechanism.

Funding was generously provided by the Stanley Foundation, East Asia Foundation, Ploughshares Fund, the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the National Nuclear Security Administration. The meeting was hosted by the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Foreign Ministry. Major support for the plenary was provided by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

A special one-day workshop on Envisioning the Future Security and Peace Mechanism for Northeast Asia, sponsored by the Stanley Foundation, was held in conjunction with the eighteenth plenary.

***Background***

Meeting annually, NEACD provides a "track II," or unofficial, forum where foreign and defense ministry policy-level officials, military officers, and academics from China, Russia, North and South Korea, Japan, and the United States are able to meet and frankly discuss regional security issues. Founded in 1993, the forum is considered the leading track II forum in Northeast Asia. At present there is no official "track I" multilateral process in Northeast Asia. The next NEACD and the Defense Information Sharing Study Project will convene in November 2008.