



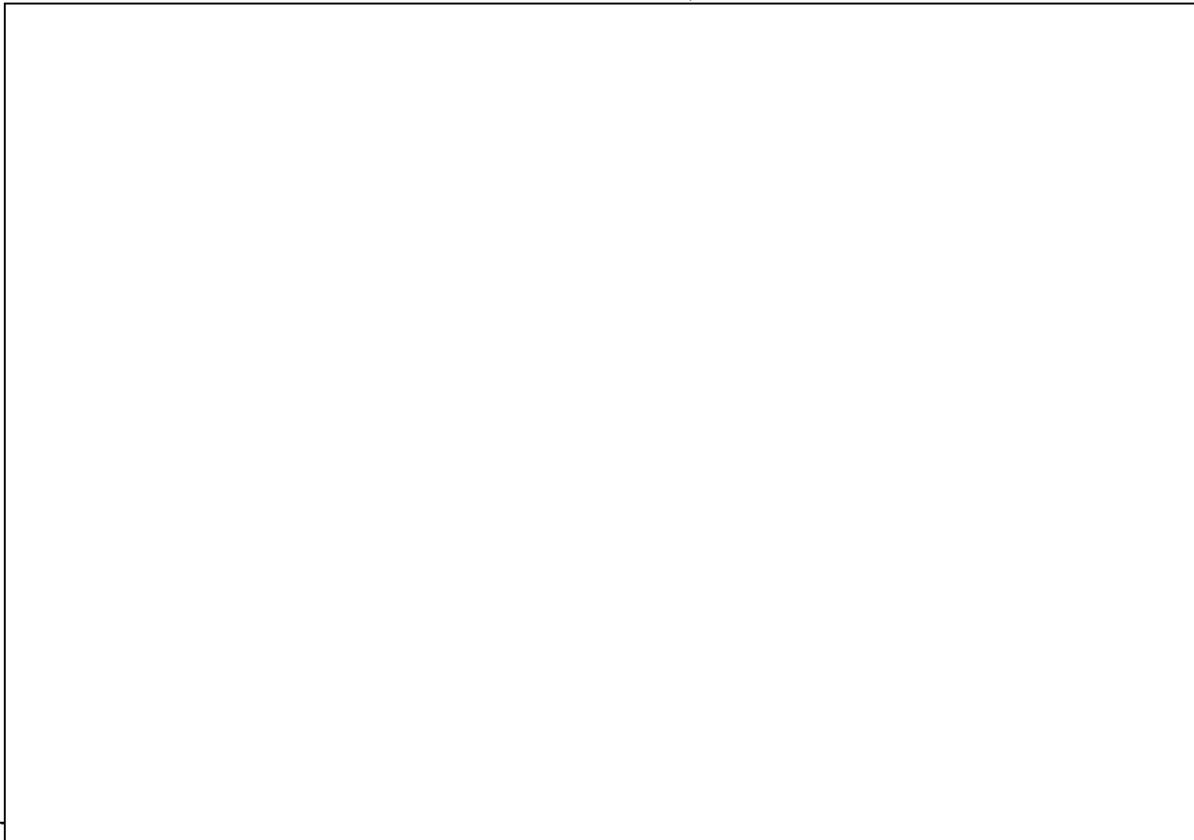
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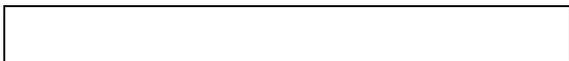
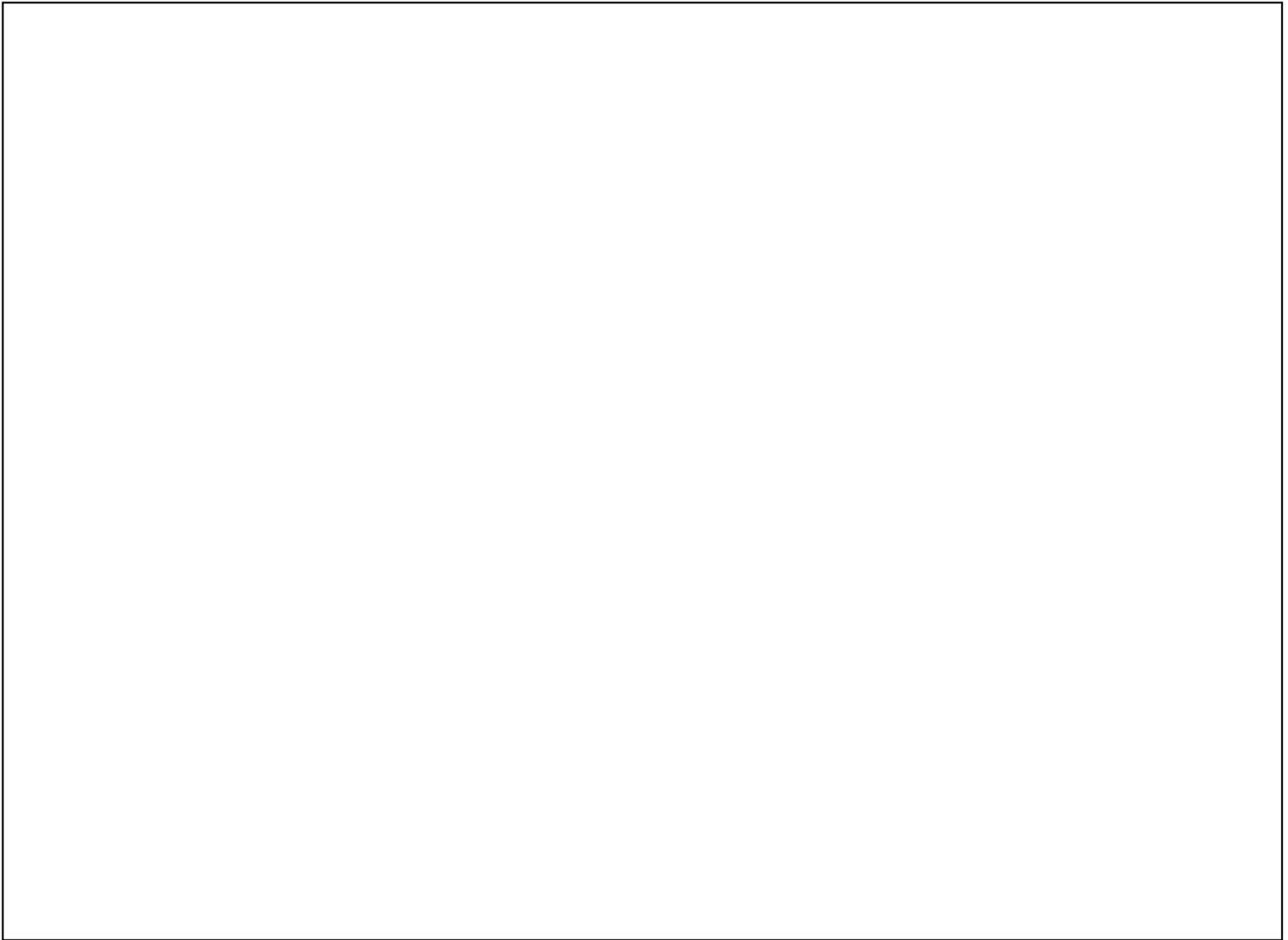
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Koreas:

Summit Results Raising South Korean Expectations



South Korean President Kim Dae-jung will return to Seoul in a better position to silence critics of engagement and to follow through on infrastructure help for the North. He can use North Korean leader Kim Chong-il's agreement to expand humanitarian, political, and economic cooperation to answer opposition demands for North Korean reciprocity as a prerequisite for aid.

- *Kim can manage domestic expectations and maintain momentum by moving toward implementing simpler elements of the accord, such as family visits.*



Jubilant South Koreans see a chance for lasting reconciliation and have been captivated by Kim Chong-il's gracious hosting of Kim. One local daily called the South's collective surprise at seeing an amiable North Korean leader as "Kim Chong-il shock," and another called it Kim's "reconciliation with the world."

- *Seoul residents participating in a candlelight procession to celebrate the summit demanded repeal of laws restricting private contact with the North.*



The South's mood will sour quickly if it perceives that the North is delaying or backtracking on summit commitments. The South Koreans will recall previous agreements that have foundered during implementation.

- *The latest accord, by calling for purely Korean solutions to unification, resembles formulas for North-South cooperation signed in 1972 and 1992.*



The Korean leaders closed the second day of the summit by signing an agreement to resolve unification in an "independent manner"; to seek common ground in their respective unification proposals; to resolve the issue of separated families and long-term political prisoners; to pursue balanced development of the "national economy"; and to hold follow-on talks. Kim Chong-il accepted Kim Dae-jung's invitation to visit Seoul at an "appropriate time."

