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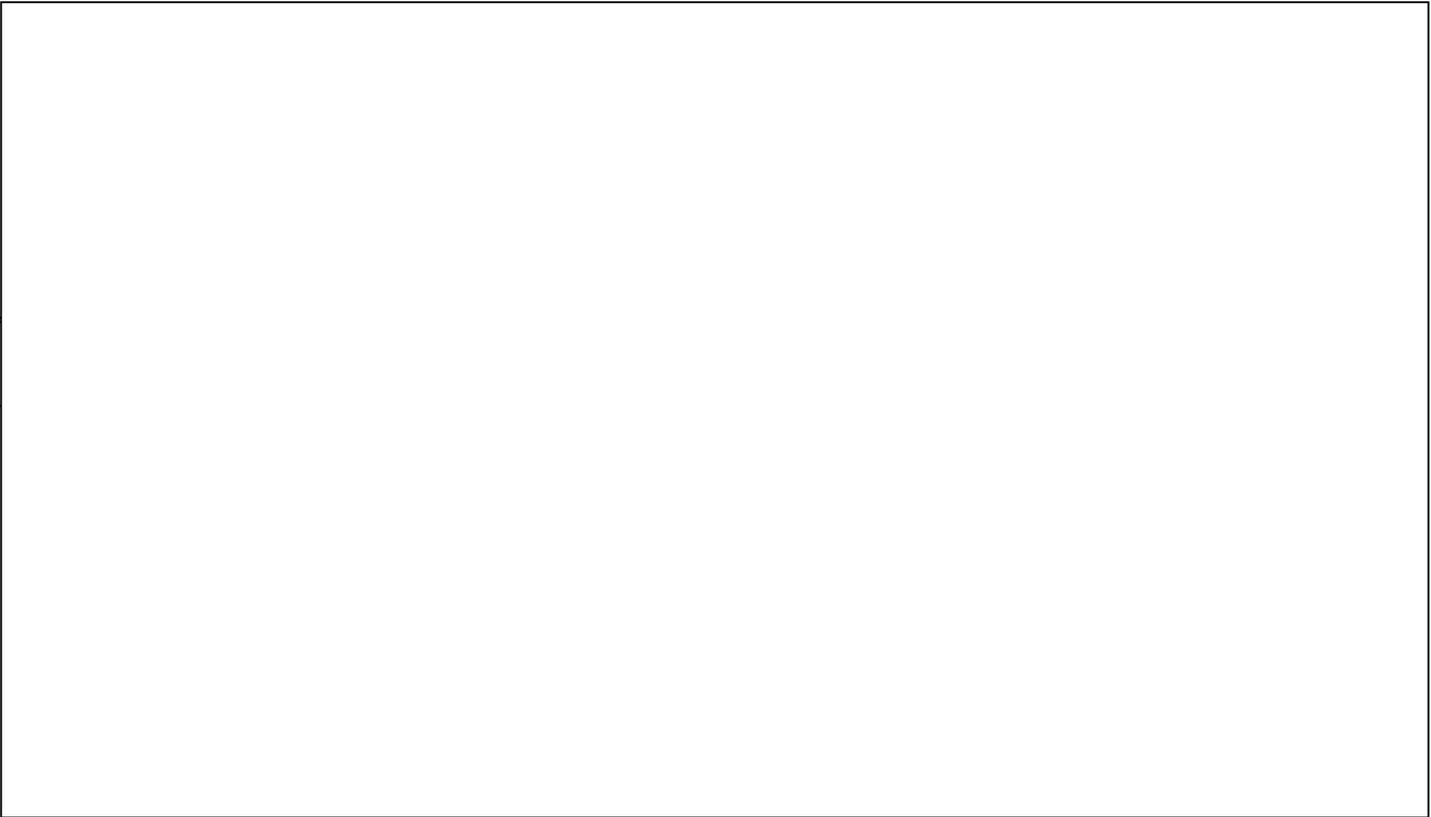
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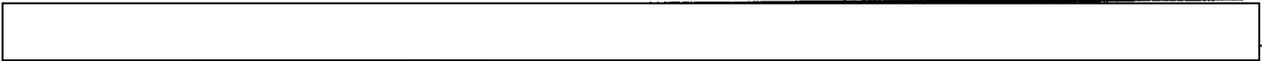


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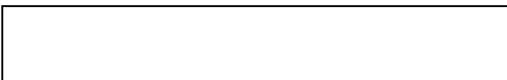
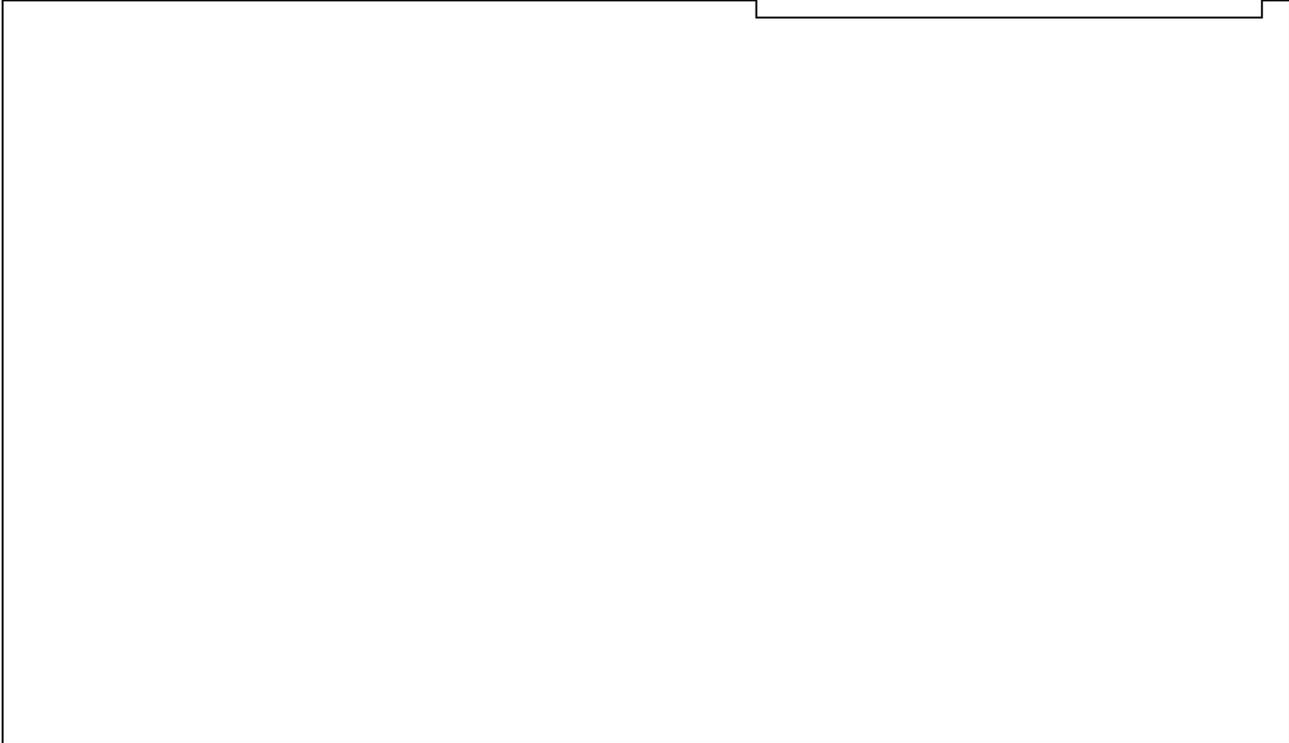


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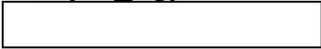
Quotes from President Kim Dae-jung's speech delivered on 15 June 2000 when he arrived in Seoul after the summit.

"We live no longer in an imperialist era in which the four superpowers rule over us, but in an era in which we can utilize them by standing at the center, as they have become our markets."

"I raised the issue of the US forces and the National Security Law with Chairman Kim Chong-il. The dialogue was most rewarding."

"Our confederation proposal is for the North and the South to leave the framework of two systems and two governments intact and form councils and summit councils, a ministerial-level cabinet council and a parliamentary council to gradually solve all the problems."

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Polls taken after the summit show almost 77 percent of South Korean respondents say they are willing to pay higher taxes to aid the North, in contrast to late last year, when 66 percent said they supported aid to the North but with no mention of increased taxes. More than 56 percent of respondents now say unification is possible within 10 years.



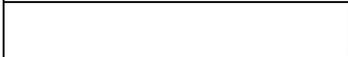


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Regional Reaction to Summit



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Although Tokyo publicly supports North-South dialogue, it sees its aid card as key to resolving the North's alleged abductions of Japanese citizens and curbing the North's missile program.



China may take credit for helping to broker a favorable summit, especially in view of North Korean leader Kim Chong-il's landmark visit to China two weeks before. Beijing will seek a role in discussions on the future of the Peninsula and will guard against P'yongyang's becoming overly influenced by Seoul and the West.



Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Losyukov this week told journalists that Moscow welcomed the results of the Korean summit but cautioned the agreements were general in nature. He added that Russia was ready to contribute to a settlement on the Peninsula, including participating in possible six-way talks.

