

The Northeast Asian Multilateral Security Mechanism and the Role of Mongolia (Summary)

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This paper provides a framework for building a comprehensive multilateral security mechanism which promotes mutual understanding and confidence-building in Northeast Asia. In particular, the roles of the major actors, their policies and postures and their security “interactions” for peace and cooperation are the key issues for the region. From this perspective, many scholars and strategists involved in research on Northeast Asian security issues have discussed Mongolia’s role and perspective in this process.

Through the review of literature, interviews and the support of both primary and secondary sources, this study deals with two main critical questions. In order to build a multilateral security mechanism in Northeast Asia two questions must be answered: How could regional countries cooperate more “effectively” for their mutual trust and benefit?; and: What kind of strategic advantages and disadvantages does Mongolia have in the region in building a regional peace regime?