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*You are invited to attend a public forum hosted by
the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea and
the Foreign Policy Initiative
on the afternoon of March 24.*

North Korea's Human Rights Violations- What Next After the U.N. Commission of Inquiry Report?

Monday, March 24

2:45 - 3:00 PM

Refreshments and Registration

3:00 - 3:20 PM

Member of Congress Remarks

3:20 - 4:00 PM

Panel I and Q&A

4:00 - 4:45 PM

Panel II and Q & A

Dirksen Senate Office Building

Room 106

Opening Remarks: Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ), Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA), Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY), and Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) invited

Panel I: **Hyunsoo Lee**
North Korean Defector

Moderator: **Melanie Kirkpatrick**

Hudson Institute

Panel II:

Roberta Cohen

Co-chair, Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK), and Senior Non-resident Fellow, The Brookings Institution

Greg Scarlatoiu

Committee for Human Rights in North Korea

Moderator:

Christopher J. Griffin

Foreign Policy Initiative

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Speaker Biographies

Hyunsoo Lee grew up in North Korea but escaped to China in 1997. In 2008, after more than 10 years there, she came to Seoul, South Korea, where she struggled to adjust to life in the bustling city. North Korean defectors often have a hard time in South Korea, she noted in *The Wall Street Journal*: "We defectors have to start from scratch. Prejudice against North Koreans and icy stares were other obstacles that were hard to cope with." Now a student at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, she has become an advocate for fellow refugees, even helping close relatives leave North Korea after they were targeted. Her dream is to work at the U.N. or an NGO that advocates for the human rights of North Koreans, including their right to be treated as political refugees.

Melanie Kirkpatrick is a writer based in Connecticut and a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute. She contributes reviews and commentary to various publications, including the opinion pages of *The Wall Street Journal*, for which she worked for many years. At the Journal, she was a longtime member of the editorial board and a deputy editor of the editorial page. She is a director of the America for Bulgaria Foundation, a trustee of Princeton in Asia, and a member of the advisory board of the Human Freedom program of the George W. Bush Institute. She holds an A.B. from Princeton and an M.A. from the University of Toronto. She is the author of *Escape from North Korea: The Untold Story of Asia's Underground Railroad* (Encounter Books, 2012).

Roberta Cohen is a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution specializing in human rights and humanitarian issues. She also serves as Co-Chair of the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea and has published several widely quoted articles on the human rights situation in North Korea. At

Brookings she co-founded and for more than a decade co-directed its Project on Internal Displacement, served as Senior Adviser to the Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons, and was a co-winner of the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. She also won the DACOR (State Department Ret.) Fiftieth Anniversary Award for Exemplary Writing on Foreign Affairs and Diplomacy, for her work on refugees and internally displaced persons. She has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights in the State Department as well as Senior Adviser on US delegations to the UN General Assembly and Commission on Human Rights.

Greg Scarlatoiu is executive director of the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK.) He has authored a weekly radio column broadcast by Radio Free Asia to North Korea for eleven years. Prior to joining HRNK, Mr. Scarlatoiu was the Director of Public Affairs and Business Issues of the Korea Economic Institute (KEI) and before that he served as a Management Associate for the International Science and Technology Institute, Inc. (ISTI). He has written articles for publications including the International Journal of Korean Studies, Global Asia and KEI's Korea Insight and Korea Exchange. He has lived in Seoul for 10 years and is fluent in Korean, French, and Romanian. He holds an M.A. in international relations from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, and Seoul National University, and a B.A. in international relations from Seoul National University. In 1999, Scarlatoiu was conferred the title of Citizen of Honor, City of Seoul.

Christopher J. Griffin is the executive director of the Foreign Policy Initiative (FPI). Previously, he served as legislative director to Senator Joseph I. Lieberman (ID-CT), and between 2008 and 2011, was the senator's military legislative assistant, with responsibility for the senator's legislative agenda as a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Prior to joining Senator Lieberman's staff, Mr. Griffin was a research fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy (2005-2008), where he focused on U.S. foreign and defense policy toward the Asia-Pacific. During his time at AEI, Mr. Griffin was also a contributing editor to the *Armed Forces Journal*, writing feature articles on international defense industrial cooperation and a monthly column titled the "Blogs of War." Mr. Griffin's writings have been published in *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The New York Times*. Mr. Griffin received a B.A. in international studies from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and an M.A. in international studies from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.

About the Foreign Policy Initiative

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About the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea

Established in October 2001 by a distinguished group of foreign policy and human rights specialists, the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK) is the only U.S. based bipartisan organization tasked exclusively to promote greater attention to human rights in that country. HRNK seeks to raise awareness about human rights conditions by publishing well-documented reports and papers, convening conferences, testifying at national and international fora, and seeking creative ways to end the isolation of the North Korean people. HRNK's reports, based on meticulous research, have established its reputation and leading role in the growing international network of organizations committed to promoting reform and transition in North Korea. They have addressed many of the fundamental human rights issues in North Korea. The recently released Report of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea quotes HRNK 20 times.