Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman, and let me address

this question to any one of the panelists who want to address

it.

Do you see South Korea viewing the elevation of human rights

issues in bilateral and multilateral discussions with North Korea

as running contrary to its so-called Sunshine Policy which focuses

on the maintenance of cordial and open relationships with North

Korea above all else? How are they viewing these discussions at

the current time? And whoever would like to address it, please do.

Do you feel that we are on—we as a country—on

the right footing in talking with North Korea given that we have

been, I think, very abrasive in our relationship with them, and

very accusatory? What is the climate like now? Is it softening up?

You know, they have come back and said, ‘‘No, we do not want

to meet with you unilaterally, I mean, unless you are part of the

multilateral group.’’

What is the feeling now at the current time?

Well, the question that always arises in my mind

is: Why is it they do not believe us and they do not trust us? And

I think so much of it has to do with, number one, not what we say,

but what we do; and when you get back to what you say, the way

you say it.

So I think it is going to take a lot of expert diplomacy and not

the veiled threats that have gone out to get them to finally sit

down, let us get serious about this, and I think—you know, they

are seeing us as the imperialistic power, and we were just recently

in Qatar and there was a theme that kept reoccurring, and it was

that terrorism feeds on grievances. Terrorism feeds on grievances.

So there are a lot of grievances there in North Korea, and I think

our foreign policy, as we deal with them, has to be repeated over

and over again that we are open and so on.

I hope we just have the spokespersons who can use diplomatic

speech, and you know what I am alluding to, to get there. And so

I trust that those of you that deal with this issue every day are

certainly thinking of ways to convince them that we are sincere

about sitting at the table with them, keeping our promises, seeing

them as players within that region, and giving them a chance to

prove that they then can negotiate in all honesty and fairness with

us, and we will do the same. So I just have to make those comments.

As a former Ambassador myself, it is so important that we use

that tone when we are dealing with these hostile nations. Thank

you so much. You do not even need to respond.