

Plenary Session III

Regional Conflicts in the Middle East and the Role of the UN

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1. Middle East Peace Process

- (1) Why the U.N. Fails (Saadia Touval)
- (2) U.N. is not a mediator but one of the members of the “Quartet”. Do we need one like Count Bernadotte in 1947-48?
- (3) The basis for negotiations are SC Resolutions 242 and 338 and “Roadmap” to realize two- State solution.
- (4) Is the Observer State status of Palestine conducive to the negotiations?
- (5) More complex situation
 - situation in Syria
 - Iran
 - “red line” statement by Premier Netanyahu
 - less strategic engagement of the US ?
 - the role of China and Korea in the Middle East as Members of the SC
- (6) Will there be a new initiative of President Obama?

2. Iran

- (1) How effective are the economic sanctions against Iran
- (2) Nexus between Iran and North Korea?
- (3) How to handle the “red-line” statement and Israelis concern
- (4) Limited UN role and the possibilities of EU3+3
- (5) What role can be played by Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

3. Syria

- (1) Mediation by Kofi Anan failed and UNSMIS is withdrawn. What role can Mr. Brahimi play as SRSG?
- (2) UNSMIS was UN PKO but there was no peace to keep. Was it a failure or did it

prevent further tragedy?

(3) Is Special Political Mission (SPM) more suitable to the fragile or no peace situation?

(4) How to cope with the standstill of the SC because of the frequent use of veto.

Is it conceivable to apply the “Uniting for Peace” resolution in the General Assembly?

(5) The role of China and Korea as members of the SC

(6) How to protect the innocent civilians.