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## **ABSTRACT**

The possibilities for trilateral cooperation between Russia and the two Koreas involve the domains of security, politics, economy and culture. Because of its location in proximity to the Koreas, the Russian Far East has strategic significance as the gateway to the Korean Peninsula and as the actual venue where trilateral interactions can intensify and flourish. The strong presence of the Korean Russian diaspora in the Russian Far East, with established linkages with South Korea and North Korea, has served as the facilitating condition for trilateral cultural and economic cooperation.

Furthermore, the recent lifting of visa requirements between Russia and South Korea, followed by rapidly growing transborder tourism and the mushrooming of student exchange programs, improve relationships and build people-to-people ties. Against this background, the adoption of a regional coordinating body with the representatives of all three states – Russia, South Korea, and North Korea – is likely to boost the prospects of trilateral cooperation in the domains of politics and security in which the success rate has been limited.

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