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SOUTH KOREAN FOREIGN POLICY IN 2027: DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL STRATEGIES

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Abstract. This article focuses on South Korea's foreign policy in 2027 and beyond. The article discusses South Korea's current foreign policy, its achievements, shortcomings, future expectations, key directions, and its role on a global scale. The article analyzes South Korea's policy toward regional countries and its allies.

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Introduction

In today's era of globalization, South Korea, which holds a distinctive position in world politics, is observed to be striving to further refine its foreign policy and strengthen its place in the global arena by 2027. The country's foreign policy has historically been dynamic and multifaceted, with its primary focus areas closely linked to the global geopolitical environment, economic growth, security issues, and diplomatic relations.[1] By 2027, South Korea is expected to continue its efforts to strengthen global cooperation, address geopolitical challenges, and create new strategic opportunities in its foreign policy. However, significant obstacles and shortcomings exist for the implementation of these plans. For instance, 2024 has emerged as a pivotal geopolitical year in international relations, and the Republic of Korea has not been immune to these developments, as evidenced by the political events that took place towards the end of the year.[2]

Regarding how South Korea's foreign policy will proceed in 2027, one should pay attention to the policy it pursues with each of its allies and states in the region:

Relations with the United States: new strategies and enhanced cooperation

For South Korea, relations with the United States are expected to remain one of the most important areas of ongoing foreign policy. In 2027, South Korea will naturally strive to strengthen existing strategic ties with the United States and develop new security and economic cooperation. The alliance between South Korea and the United States plays an important role not only in the security of the Korean Peninsula but also in global economic and security issues.

Cooperation between the U.S. and South Korea has a number of important areas:

- Ensuring the stability of the Korean Peninsula,
- Diplomatic initiatives related to North Korea,
- economic relations,
- technology development
- combating climate change and others.[3]

[1] https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/wpge/m_5727/contents.do
[2] https://www.cnbc.com/2024/12/05/south-korean-president-yoon-faces-impeachment-how-did-we-get-here-.html
[3] https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=view_citation&hl=ru&user=4Ni6vFMAAAAJ&citation_for_view=4Ni6vFMAAAAJ:qjMakFHDy7sC

In 2027, the Republic of Korea is expected to strive to expand cooperation with the United States in high technology, particularly in areas such as artificial intelligence, electronics, and green energy.

In 2027, the Republic of Korea's desire to strengthen itself in relations with the United States is also observed. It can be expected that South Korea will strive to take a stronger position in the international arena and continue to deepen economic and strategic cooperation with the United States. However, issues such as relations with North Korea and geopolitical relations with China also play an important role in this process.

Relations with North Korea: New opportunities for peace and diplomacy

Relations with North Korea remain a persistent problem in South Korea's foreign policy. By 2027, South Korea seeks to continue peace processes with North Korea and find diplomatic solutions. North Korea's nuclear arming and security issues on the peninsula play an important role in South Korea's foreign policy.

In 2027, South Korea will likely try to launch new diplomatic initiatives and contacts with North Korea. Establishing sustainable peace on the Korean Peninsula and expanding international cooperation on nuclear non-proliferation will be among the primary goals of the Republic of Korea. However, in this process, it is also important to establish strategic ties with America, China, and other international partners.

Relations with North Korea are, of course, a constant major issue of global politics. In 2027, South Korea may expand its diplomatic tools on this matter, especially by working with countries such as China and Russia to encourage North Korea to comply with international laws.[4]

Relations with China: economic cooperation and geopolitical balance

For South Korea, relations with China are of great economic and geopolitical importance. China is South Korea's main trading partner, and economic ties between the two countries are developing further. By 2027, South Korea will continue to work with China to establish new economic opportunities and strengthen mutual interests.

However, relations with China also present some difficulties for South Korea. China's strategic maneuvers in North Korea and on the Korean Peninsula could complicate relations between South Korea and China. In 2027, South Korea will likely continue to develop economic cooperation with China, but it is also possible to challenge China's views on the North Korean issue.

Relations with Japan: historical conflicts and new opportunities

Historical conflicts between South Korea and Japan remain remnants of World War II in particular. However, the economic and security ties between the two countries are very important, especially in terms of the security of the Korean Peninsula. By 2027, South Korea will strive to strengthen ties with Japan and resolve historical issues.

Although relations between Japan and South Korea have always been complex, bilateral economic and security ties are expected to develop in 2027. Cooperation with Japan will become even more important in the economic development of the Republic of Korea and in the fight against security challenges. Relations between South Korea and Japan may become more constructive and collaborative in 2027.

[4] Pulatov, J. (2025). KOREYA RESPUBLIKASI VA KOREYA XALQ DEMOKRATIK RESPUBLIKASI: O'TMISH, BUGUN VA KELAJAK. *THEORY AND ANALYTICAL ASPECTS OF RECENT RESEARCH*, *3*(32), 83-85.

Active participation in the Indo-Pacific region

South Korea aims to further increase its political and economic influence in the Indo-Pacific region by 2027. With the intensification of geopolitical competition between China and the USA in this region, South Korea pursues its own independent and stable foreign policy. South Korea can actively participate in regional trade organizations and international security initiatives.

Global partnership: climate, energy and security

South Korea will focus its foreign policy in 2027 on strengthening global cooperation. It will expand its activities on international issues, especially climate change, green energy, and sustainable development. South Korea aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050 and will strive to strengthen international cooperation in this direction.

The Republic of Korea also strives to further strengthen cooperation and develop economic ties with Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, and other Central Asian countries. In 2027, South Korea will also strive to expand its activities within the UN, G7, and other international organizations.

Conclusion

South Korea can be expected to implement more effective and strategic approaches in its foreign policy in 2027. The country's foreign policy will likely be aimed at further strengthening ties with the United States, China, Japan, North Korea, and other global partners. South Korea's foreign policy in 2027 is expected to focus on global security, protecting its global and regional political, economic, and security interests, and ensuring a balance between development and diplomatic relations.

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