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Statement open to all States Parties to the NPT

We, States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), condemn in the strongest terms the nuclear tests and launches using ballistic missile technology conducted by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), in violation of multiple unanimously agreed UN Security Council Resolutions.

The DPRK’s nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programme, which is getting closer to an operational nuclear capability, poses a grave and increasing threat to regional and international peace and security.

The pursuit by the DPRK of a military nuclear and ballistic missile programme constitutes a grave threat to the international non-proliferation regime of which the NPT remains the cornerstone. We urge the DPRK to return to the NPT and the IAEA Safeguards at an early date, and abandon its nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles programme in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner.

To this end, we reaffirm that we will faithfully implement the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and will further strengthen international cooperation.
