

Statement by Prime Minister Abe, President Tusk and President Juncker on North Korea

We share the view that North Korea, a top priority on the international agenda, increasingly poses a new level of threat to international peace and security.

We are seriously concerned with and condemn in the strongest terms North Korea's continued nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches, including the recent launch of a ballistic missile of possible intercontinental range, in flagrant violation of multiple UN Security Council resolutions. We stand ready to strengthen measures aimed at further restricting the transfer of relevant items and technologies and funding for North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programmes and, to that end, we call for the early adoption of a new and comprehensive UN Security Council resolution. We strongly call on the international community to redouble its efforts to ensure the sustained, comprehensive and thorough implementation of all relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

North Korea must refrain from any further provocations that further increase regional and international tensions. We call on North Korea to immediately and fully comply with its international obligations under all relevant UN Security Council resolutions, as well as the 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks and thus abandon all nuclear, other weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile programmes and to engage in actions for credible dialogue with the international community that pursues the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.

North Korea must further promptly address the international community's humanitarian and human rights concerns, including through speedily resolving the abductions issue.