

**Joint Trilateral Statement**  
**by the Republic of Korea, the United States, Japan,**  
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Mr. President,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Republic of Korea, the United States, and Japan. Our three countries are united in our steadfast commitment to the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula consistent with relevant United Nations Security Council(UNSC) resolutions.

As clearly documented in the Director General’s latest report, the DPRK continues to expand its unlawful nuclear program. The report clearly notes continued operation of the 5MW(e) reactor and the Light Water Reactor at Yongbyon, as well as indications of reprocessing activity at the Radiochemical Laboratory. It also highlights the expanded operation of uranium enrichment facilities at Yongbyon and Kangson, and the possible construction of an additional enrichment facility at Yongbyon. The report further documents efforts toward the development of a nuclear-powered submarine, suggesting the DPRK’s intent to diversify its nuclear delivery means.

The bottom line is: the DPRK’s nuclear activities and ballistic missile programs violate multiple UNSC resolutions and undermine the global non-proliferation regime. We urge the DPRK to fully comply with its obligations under relevant UNSC resolutions; take concrete steps to completely abandon all its

nuclear weapons, existing nuclear and ballistic missiles programs; and return to at an early date, and fully comply with, the NPT and IAEA safeguards.

In this context, we express our serious concern over the increasing military cooperation between North Korea and Russia, including the transfer of ballistic missiles and arms, and the deployment and training of North Korean troops to Kursk. Such activities, in direct violation of multiple UNSC resolutions, must cease immediately. We call upon all Member States to fully, comprehensively, and immediately abide by their obligations under the relevant UNSC resolutions, including the prohibition of the transfer and procurement of all arms and related material to and from the DPRK.

Mr. President,

Our three countries remain firmly committed to responding to the DPRK's nuclear threat, while also remaining open to dialogue with the DPRK. We urge the DPRK to cease all provocations and destabilizing actions, including any further nuclear tests or ballistic missile launches, and return to dialogue at an early date, through which we can denuclearize and establish peace on the Korean Peninsula.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Director General and the Secretariat for their continued efforts to monitor developments with respect to the DPRK's nuclear program and for the latest report. We strongly support the IAEA's continued work to maintain and enhance readiness to carry out monitoring and verification activities in the DPRK, if called upon to do so.

Mr. President,

Since the Board of Governors found that the DPRK was in non-compliance with its safeguards agreement in 1993, the IAEA General Conference has adopted a resolution on the “Implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement between the Agency and the Democratic Peoples’ Republic of Korea” every year, making today’s the 33<sup>rd</sup> resolution. We would like to underscore the importance of adopting this resolution by consensus again. We would also like to thank the members of the DPRK Core Group, in particular the Canadian delegation for its leadership throughout the drafting process, and call upon all Member States to uphold this important tradition.

Last but not least, we also commend you, Mr. President, for leading this 69th Session of the General Conference to a successful conclusion.

Thank you.

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