



Statement on Nuclear Disarmament (NPDI)

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Mr. Chairman,

The Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) condemns in the strongest possible terms North Korea's nuclear test conducted on September 9, 2016. This test marked the second nuclear test conducted by North Korea in eight months, despite the repeated calls by the international community to fully comply with the relevant United Nations Security Council (UNSC), IAEA resolutions and other commitments and not to conduct any further provocations, including nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches.

North Korea's nuclear program, including the latest nuclear test, is another clear violation of relevant UNSC and IAEA resolutions as well as of the Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks. It represents a grave challenge to the global non-proliferation and disarmament regime centered on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

This latest nuclear test is another reminder of the urgency of further strengthening the international framework for disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, including achieving the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) at the earliest possible date, the urgent negotiation of a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices and the effective implementation of the NPT as the cornerstone of the global

nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament regime.

This nuclear test seriously threatens the peace and security of Northeast Asia as well as the international community, particularly given the fact that, this year, also in contravention of UNSC and IAEA resolutions, North Korea has launched more than 20 ballistic missiles which could serve as a means to deliver nuclear weapons. NPDI calls upon all states to take all necessary measures to implement by the UNSC Resolution 2270.

As the NPDI has repeatedly done on previous occasions, we strongly urge North Korea to refrain from conducting any further provocations including, among others, nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches. The NPDI also urges North Korea to fully comply with all its international obligations including under relevant UNSC resolutions and to live up to its commitments under the Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks, to return to compliance with its IAEA safeguards agreement and the NPT, to immediately cease all nuclear activities, and to abandon all nuclear and ballistic missiles programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.