



Statement by Ambassador Vinicio Mati
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Mr. President,

At the outset, let me congratulate you on the assumption of your mandate and assure you of Italy's full support and cooperation.

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as other delegations, I cannot but reiterate that Italy condemns in the strongest terms the latest ballistic missile test conducted by the DPRK, which we witnessed yesterday.

On this point, Italy aligns itself with the statement previously delivered by the European Union.

The test constitutes yet another clear violation of multiple existing United Nations Security Council resolutions. The DPRK's missile and nuclear programmes represent a serious threat to international peace and security and to the global non-proliferation regime.

Once again, we call on the DPRK to abandon without delay all its existing ballistic missile and nuclear programmes in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner, to return to the NPT and IAEA Safeguards as well as to sign and ratify the CTBT.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea must abandon the road taken towards self-isolation and its continued challenge to the international community.

We will continue to contribute to a consistent and effective response of the International Community, also in our current capacity as Chair of the Security Council Resolution 1718 Committee.

Thank you, Mr. President.