



**Statement by H. E. Ambassador Vinicio Mati**  
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Mr. President.

Let me join the previous speakers in expressing Italy's "Italy strongest condemnation for the new nuclear test conducted on 9th September by the People's Democratic Republic of Korea which poses a threat to Asia and world peace.

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union.

The test represents a new clear violation of the related resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations and a serious threat to peace and to international and regional security.

We reiterate our call on The People's Democratic Republic of Korea to abandon the development of all its existing nuclear and ballistic missile programmes in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner, and the path of challenge of the international community and self-imposed isolation.

Furthermore, we urge the DPRK to return at an early date to the NPT and IAEA Safeguards as well as to sign and ratify the CTBT.

While condemning once more the provocative and destabilizing initiatives of Pyongyang, Italy will give its contribution to a firm and cohesive reaction of the international community.

Thank you, Mr. President