



Statement by the Delegation of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament
Geneva, 7 March 2017

Mr. President,

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

I would like to join other delegations in reiterating Italy's strong condemnation of the launch of four ballistic missiles by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 6 March.

These repeated ballistic missile tests, as well as the development of a nuclear arsenal, constitute a threat to international peace and security. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has once again openly violated existing United Nations Security Council resolutions.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea must relinquish the development of a missile and nuclear weapon arsenal and abandon the road taken towards self-isolation and challenging the international community.

Italy is ready to contribute to a firm and cohesive response of the International Community.

In our current capacity as Chair of the Security Council Resolution 1718 Committee, we will support efforts worldwide to properly enforce the set of restrictive measures adopted by the Security Council.

We urgently call on the DPRK to abandon all its existing nuclear and ballistic missile 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.

Thank you, Mr President