



**Statement by the Delegation of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament**  
*Geneva, 28 March 2017*

Mr. President,

Since this is the first time that my Delegation takes the floor under your Presidency, let me congratulate you on the assumption of your mandate and assure you of Italy's full support and cooperation.

Mr. President,

I would like to join other delegations in reiterating Italy's strong condemnation of the most recent ballistic missile launch conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 21 March 2017 as well as a ballistic missile engine test on 19 March 2017.

We reiterate that 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.

Italy stands 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.

Once again, 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