



**Statement by the Delegation of Italy
to the Conference on Disarmament**
Geneva, 23 May 2017

Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to convey our condolences to the UK Delegation, for the victims of the horrific attack in Manchester and their families.

Mr. President,

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

As other delegations before me, in my national capacity, I would like to reiterate that Italy condemns in the strongest terms the latest ballistic missile test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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

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

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.

Italy will continue to contribute to a firm and cohesive response of the International Community, also in its current capacity as Chair of the Security Council Resolution 1718 Committee.

Thank you, Mr President.