



Statement by H. E. Ambassador Vinicio Mati
Permanent Representative of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament
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Mr. President,

With reference to the latest long-range missile launch by the DPRK, Italy joins the statement previously delivered by the European Union.

Such a launch constitutes a further provocation and threat to international peace and security, only one month after its most recent nuclear test. We strongly condemn this initiative, which represents yet another open violation of Security Council resolutions.

We call on the DPRK to abandon all its existing nuclear and ballistic missile programmes in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner, and to refrain from any further provocative actions. Furthermore, we urge the DPRK to return to the NPT and IAEA Safeguards at an early date as well as to sign and ratify the CTBT.

Thank you, Mr President