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# Conference on Disarmament

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**Note verbale dated 22 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the commentary by the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on the International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General's Report regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's reprocessing activities**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea would appreciate the Secretariat's assistance in issuing and circulating this press release as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the Conference the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**The commentary by the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on the International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General's Report regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's reprocessing activities**

1. The government of the Republic of Korea takes note of the fact that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) revealed, in its Director-General's report, that there were multiple indications consistent with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's operation of its reprocessing facilities during this year and mentioned that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's nuclear activities, including those in relation to facilities for reprocessing and uranium enrichment, are in violation of UNSC resolutions and deeply regrettable.
  2. All nuclear-related activities by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including the reprocessing of spent fuel rods that it acknowledged last week (August 17) through foreign media, are clear violations of relevant UNSC resolutions, and these activities threaten international peace and safety as well as the non-proliferation regime. The Republic of Korea's government expresses serious concern over and strongly condemns such activities by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
  3. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea must clearly recognize that the international community shall not, under any circumstances, accept Democratic People's Republic of Korea's possession of nuclear weapons. The Republic of Korea's government strongly calls upon the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to immediately stop nuclear development and take steps toward genuine denuclearization.
  4. The Republic of Korea's government commits to work closely with major countries and related international organizations to take necessary measures and to reinforce global efforts to tighten sanctions and intensify pressure on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. /end/
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