

Conference on Disarmament

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Note verbale dated 2 June 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, transmitting Israel's official position regarding the presidency of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations Office and other international organization based in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament, in its capacity as Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and has the honor to transmit Israel's official position regarding the presidency of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Permanent Mission of Israel to the Conference on Disarmament would be grateful to the secretariat if it could issue it as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

The Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Israel recognizes the importance of the orderly conduct of the Conference of Disarmament's work, as portrayed within its Rules of Procedure, and respect the institution of the presidency based on alphabetical order rotation, as contained therein.

Presidency of a Member State, which flagrantly and repeatedly violates its own international obligations, is disturbing and runs counter to the objectives and principles of the Conference of Disarmament.

We are deeply concerned about the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's continued advancement of weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile capabilities, as well as its vast proliferation. Since the beginning of 2022, the DPRK has conducted an unprecedented series of missile tests, including launches of intercontinental ballistic missiles, claimed hypersonic weapons, ballistic missiles with the stated intent for the operation of tactical nuclear weapons, and at least one submarine-launched ballistic missile.

These tests demonstrate the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's continued efforts to expand and further develop its ballistic missile capabilities. They are a threat to international peace and security and seek to undermine the global non-proliferation regime.

We support diplomatic engagement towards peace and security on the Korean peninsula and urge the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to resume dialogue with relevant parties.
