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Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

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The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling the Board of Governors' resolutions GOV/2636, GOV/2639, GOV/2645, GOV/2692, GOV/2711, GOV/2742, GOV/2002/60, and GOV/2003/3, as well as General Conference resolutions GC(XXXVII)/RES/624, GC(XXXVIII)/RES/16, GC(39)/RES/3, GC(40)/RES/4, GC(41)/RES/22, GC(42)/RES/2, GC(43)/RES/3, GC(44)/RES/26, GC(45)/RES/16, GC(46)/RES/14, GC(47)/RES/12, GC(48)/RES/15, GC(49)/RES/14, and GC(50)/RES/15,
- (b) Recalling with grave concern the steps taken by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) which led the Board of Governors to find in document GOV/2003/14 of 12 February 2003 that the DPRK was in further non-compliance with its safeguards agreement and to report the DPRK's non-compliance to the United Nations Security Council,
- (c) Recognizing the importance of the Joint Statement concluded at the end of the fourth round of the Six-Party Talks in September 2005, in which the parties agreed to the goal and basic principles for future discussions,
- (d) Recognizing also the importance of the Six-Party agreement of 13 February 2007, on Initial Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement,
- (e) Conscious that a Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons would contribute positively to regional and global peace and security, and that the DPRK's abandonment of all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programmes would serve that objective, and
- (f) Having considered the Director General's report contained in document GC(51)/19, which concludes that the Agency has verified the shutdown status of the Yongbyon nuclear facility

and is continuing to implement an *ad hoc* monitoring and verification arrangement with the cooperation of the DPRK,

1. Welcomes the Six-Party agreement of 13 February 2007 on Initial Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement, and the initiation of actions thereunder, including the shutdown and sealing of the Yongbyon nuclear facility;
2. Endorses the monitoring and verification activities by the Agency on the shutdown and sealing of the Yongbyon nuclear facility pursuant to the Six-Party agreement of 13 February 2007;
3. Supports the Six-Party Talks and stresses the importance of the commitments of all participants to the full implementation of the 19 September 2005 Joint Statement with a view to achieving the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner and to maintaining peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in north-east Asia;
4. Expresses deep concern regarding the nuclear explosive test proclaimed by the DPRK on 9 October 2006, and recognizes the importance of implementing United Nations Security Council resolution 1718, while welcoming the recent progress achieved by the Six-Party Talks;
5. Stresses the importance of the early and complete implementation of the 13 February agreement, and expects the DPRK to take further steps, including the provision of a complete declaration of all nuclear programmes and the disablement of all existing nuclear facilities, and encourages all concerned parties to implement corresponding commitments in line with the principle of “action for action”;
6. Encourages the DPRK to work towards the expeditious implementation of the 19 September 2005 Joint Statement, and in particular to implement fully its commitment to abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programmes, as a step towards the goal of the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;
7. Stresses its desire for a peaceful resolution through dialogue to the DPRK nuclear issue, leading to a nuclear-weapon-free Korean Peninsula, with a view to maintaining peace and security in the region;
8. Calls upon the DPRK to come into full compliance with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
9. Calls upon the DPRK to cooperate promptly with the Agency in the full and effective implementation of IAEA comprehensive safeguards and to resolve any outstanding issues that may have arisen due to the long absence of safeguards;
10. Strongly endorses the actions taken by the Board of Governors and commends the impartial efforts of the Director General and the Secretariat to apply comprehensive safeguards in the DPRK;
11. Stresses the essential verification role of the IAEA;
12. Supports the international community’s peaceful efforts in all available and appropriate forums to address the challenge posed by the DPRK nuclear issue; and
13. Decides to remain seized of the matter and to include the item in the agenda for its fifty-second (2008) regular session.