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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 previous reports by the Agency's Director General regarding nuclear activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), as well as relevant resolutions of the Agency's Board of Governors and General Conference,
- (b) Recalling with grave concern the steps taken by the DPRK which led the Board of Governors to find that the DPRK was in non-compliance with its safeguards agreement and to report the DPRK's non-compliance to the United Nations Security Council,
- (c) Further recalling with deep concern the nuclear explosive test proclaimed by the DPRK on 9 October 2006, and recognizing the importance of implementing United Nations Security Council resolution 1718,
- (d) Conscious that the 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,
- (e) 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,
- (f) Recognizing also the importance of the Six-Party agreements of 13 February 2007 on initial actions for the implementation of the Joint Statement and of 3 October 2007 on second phase actions,
- (g) Having considered the Director General's report contained in document GC(52)/14, which confirmed that the Agency had verified the shutdown status of the Yongbyon nuclear facility and was continuing to implement an *ad hoc* monitoring and verification arrangement with the cooperation of the DPRK, and

- (h) Acknowledging positively the progress made in disablement work at the Yongbyon nuclear facilities according to the agreement reached at the Six-Party Talks, but noting with concern the recent halt in disablement work at Yongbyon and steps by DPRK as described in the oral report by the Secretariat during the September Board of Governors meetings,
1. Stresses its desire for a diplomatic resolution of the DPRK nuclear issue which achieves the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;
 2. 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, in a phased manner in line with the principle of “Action for Action”;
 3. Welcomes the commitments made in the Six-Party agreements of 13 February 2007 and 3 October 2007, and stresses the importance of the efforts that have been made by the Parties to fully meet those commitments;
 4. Stresses the importance of an early resumption of disablement and of working to complete disablement and other parallel actions as agreed at the sixth round of the Six-Party Talks;
 5. Supports the continuation of monitoring and verification activities by the Agency at the Yongbyon nuclear facilities as agreed in the Six-Party Talks and acknowledges the Agency’s activities in relation to the disablement process;
 6. Welcomes the agreement by the Six Parties on 12 July 2008 to establish a verification regime within the Six-Party Talks framework and looks forward to an early agreement on an effective mechanism;
 7. Stresses the essential verification role of the Agency and welcomes the Press Communiqué of the Heads of Delegation Meeting of the sixth round of the Six-Party Talks of 12 July 2008 in this regard;
 8. 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, and calls upon the DPRK to cooperate promptly with the Agency in the full and effective implementation of Agency comprehensive safeguards and to resolve any outstanding issues that may have arisen due to the long absence of safeguards;
 9. Calls upon the DPRK to come into full compliance with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
 10. Supports the international community’s peaceful efforts in all available and appropriate forums to address the challenge posed by the DPRK nuclear issue; and
 11. Decides to remain seized of the matter and to include the item in the agenda for its fifty-third (2009) regular session.