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

Resolution adopted on 18 September 2009 during the eleventh plenary meeting

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 test conducted by the DPRK on 9 October 2006,
- (d) Conscious that a Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons would contribute positively to regional and global peace and security,
- (e) Recognizing the importance of the Six-Party Talks, in particular the agreements reached by the Six Parties in the September 2005 Joint Statement, and on 13 February and 3 October 2007,
- (f) Recalling the important role that the Agency has played in monitoring and verification activities at the Yongbyon nuclear facilities, including as agreed in the Six-Party Talks,
- (g) Noting with deep concern the DPRK's decision to cease all cooperation with the Agency, and its demand on 14 April 2009 that Agency inspectors leave the DPRK and remove all Agency containment and surveillance equipment from its facilities,
- (h) Further noting in this context serious concerns regarding the DPRK's announced intentions to reactivate all facilities at Yongbyon, reprocess spent fuel and weaponize the extracted plutonium, and develop uranium enrichment technology, and

(i) Having considered the Director General's report contained in document GC(53)/13,

1. Stresses its desire for a diplomatic resolution of the DPRK nuclear issue so as to achieve the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;
2. Condemns the nuclear test conducted by the DPRK on 25 May 2009 in violation of the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions;
3. Stresses the importance of Member States fully implementing their obligations pursuant to United Nations Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006) and 1874 (2009), including the DPRK's non-proliferation obligations;
4. Strongly urges the DPRK not to conduct any further nuclear test;
5. Stresses the importance of the full implementation of the 19 September 2005 Joint Statement and other Six-Party commitments by all relevant parties, including the commitments made by the DPRK to abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programmes;
6. Calls upon the DPRK to come into full compliance with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and 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 Agency safeguards;
7. Deplores the DPRK's actions to cease all cooperation with the Agency, 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;
8. Supports the Six-Party Talks, recognizes that the Six-Party Talks are an effective mechanism for dealing with the DPRK nuclear issue, and calls upon the DPRK to return immediately and without preconditions to the Six-Party Talks;
9. Supports the international community's peaceful efforts in all available and appropriate forums to address the challenge posed by the DPRK; and
10. Decides to remain seized of the matter and to include the item in the agenda for its fifty-fourth (2010) regular session.