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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 deep 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 grave concern the nuclear tests by the DPRK on 9 October 2006, and on 25 May 2009 in violation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1718 (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 commitments made by the Six Parties in the 19 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 subsequent actions announced by the DPRK, including reactivation of all facilities at Yongbyon, reprocessing of spent fuel and weaponization of the extracted plutonium, and development of uranium enrichment technology,

- (i) Noting the report of the Director General (GC(55)/24) that the nuclear programme of the DPRK is a matter of serious concern, and that reports about the construction of a new uranium enrichment facility and a light water reactor in the DPRK are deeply troubling, and expressing concern regarding the DPRK's claimed uranium enrichment program and light water reactor construction,
- (j) Noting the Director General's report that, contrary to the requirements of United Nations Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006) and 1874 (2009), the DPRK has not abandoned its existing nuclear programme in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner or ceased all related activities, and
- (k) Having considered the Director General's report contained in document GC(55)/24,
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. Supports the Six-Party Talks as an effective mechanism for dealing with the DPRK nuclear issue, stresses the importance of the full implementation of the 19 September 2005 Joint Statement, welcomes the recent bilateral efforts for early resumption of the Six-Party Talks, and underscores the importance of continued efforts by all the parties concerned in this regard;
 3. Strongly urges the DPRK not to conduct any further nuclear test, to fully comply with all its obligations under United Nations Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006) and 1874 (2009) and other relevant resolutions, and to fulfil its commitments under the 19 September 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks, including abandoning all its nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programmes and immediately ceasing all related activities;
 4. Stresses the importance of all 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;
 5. Reaffirms that the DPRK cannot have the status of a nuclear-weapon State in accordance with the NPT as stated in United Nations Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006) and 1874 (2009), and the Final Document of the 2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT);
 6. Calls upon the DPRK to come into full compliance with the NPT and to cooperate promptly with the Agency in the full and effective implementation of Agency comprehensive safeguards, including all necessary safeguards activities provided for in the Safeguards Agreement which the Agency has not been able to conduct since 1994, and to resolve any outstanding issues that may have arisen due to the long absence of Agency safeguards and the lack of Agency access since April 2009;
 7. Deplores the DPRK's actions to cease all cooperation with the Agency, strongly endorses the actions taken by the Board of Governors, commends the impartial efforts of the Director General and the Secretariat to apply comprehensive safeguards in the DPRK, and encourages the Secretariat to maintain its readiness to play an essential role in verifying the DPRK's nuclear programme, including the capability to re-establish implementation of safeguards-related activities in the DPRK;
 8. Supports the international community's peaceful efforts in all available and appropriate forums to address the challenge posed by the DPRK; and
 9. Decides to remain seized of the matter and to include the item in the agenda for its fifty-sixth (2012) regular session.