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## **Note Verbale dated 11 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting to the Secretariat the “Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea’s Fifth Nuclear Test”**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to Mr. Michael Møller, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament, and has the honour of transmitting to the Secretariat the “Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea’s Fifth Nuclear Test.”

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea would appreciate the Secretariat’s assistance in issuing and circulating this statement as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the Conference the assurances of the highest consideration.

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## **Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's Fifth Nuclear Test**

1. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducted its fifth nuclear test on 9 September 2016, in Punggye-ri, North Hamgyong Province.
2. Despite the clear warnings sent again by the international community at the G20 Summit and East Asia Summit, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducted another nuclear test since 2016 in flagrant violation of relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions. The Republic of Korea government strongly condemns such a grave provocation, which must not be condoned.
3. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea regime is continuing its dangerous provocations, focusing solely on the advancement of its nuclear and missile capabilities while completely ignoring the poor human rights situation of its people and their livelihood. However, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea regime must clearly realize that it has nothing to gain from such behavior. The more reckless provocations the Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducts, the stronger international sanctions and more severe diplomatic isolation it will face, leading to the collapse of its economy and eventually self-destruction.
4. The Republic of Korea government again strongly calls on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to immediately abandon its nuclear weapons and missile programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner. The Republic of Korea government will continue to cooperate with the international community and make all the necessary efforts to seek much tougher sanctions at the United Nations Security Council and bilateral levels.
5. Furthermore, the Republic of Korea government will maintain a high readiness posture against any further provocation by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which threatens the safety of the Republic of Korea and the lives of its people and will demonstrate an unwavering response.

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