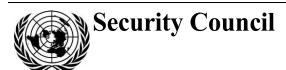
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## Letter dated 4 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to bring to the attention of the Security Council the statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea of 3 February 2016 on North Korea's plan to launch a long-range missile (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Oh** Joon Permanent Representative





## Annex to the letter dated 4 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

## Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on North Korea's plan to launch a long-range missile

- 1. It has been confirmed that North Korea informed the relevant international institutions, including the International Maritime Organization, on 2 February 2016, of its plan to launch a long-range missile, claiming it a satellite launch.
- 2. North Korea's notification of its plan to launch a long-range missile while a Security Council sanction resolution on its recent nuclear test is being discussed is a direct challenge to the entire international community.
- 3. North Korea must clearly recognize that any launch using ballistic missile technology is a flagrant violation of the relevant Security Council resolutions and should immediately retract this plan.
- 4. The Government of the Republic of Korea strictly warns North Korea that it will face a harsh response from the international community if it pushes ahead with the launch, which poses a grave threat to peace and security not only on the Korean Peninsula but also in North-East Asia and the wider world.
- 5. The Government of the Republic of Korea will maintain a watertight posture of readiness against any provocation by North Korea, including a long-range missile launch, which threatens the security of the Republic of Korea and the lives of its people.

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