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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
on the possible test launch of a missile by the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)**

On Sunday 18 June the EU Heads of Mission have conveyed to the DPRK authorities the following urgent message:

"The European Union understands that a test launch of a Taepodong 2 missile by the DPRK may be imminent.

In the view of the European Union such a missile test would be deeply regrettable. Such a provocative act would add considerable tension to an already complex regional situation. It would breach the longstanding moratorium on long-range missile launches.

The European Union urges the DPRK to refrain from such a launch."

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The Acceding Countries Bulgaria and Romania, the Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia\* and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this declaration."

\* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.