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Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on nuclear facilities in Yongbyon

Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"I deplore the announcement by the DPRK to restart its nuclear facilities at Yongbyon, including the 5 MW reactor. This would be in clear violation of the relevant UN Security Council resolutions as well as of its commitment made in 2007 in the Six Party Talks to shut down these facilities.

Continued breaking of its international obligations by the DPRK that threaten stability in the region will inevitably lead to an ever more united response by the international community. The DPRK should refrain from fuelling further tensions and show commitment to the agreed goal of complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.

Once again, I urge the DPRK leadership to take a constructive path and reengage with the international community, including in the framework of the Six Party Talks, to work towards lasting peace and security on a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula."

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