

**STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN  
NATIONS ON THE UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST BY THE DEMOCRATIC  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

The Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) express their deep concern about the effect on regional peace and stability caused by the recent report of an underground nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

ASEAN encourages the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to comply fully with its obligations to all relevant United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions, namely 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009) and 2087 (2013), and to its commitments under the 19 September 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks.

In doing so, ASEAN reaffirms its full support for all efforts to bring about the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner and the early resumption of the Six-Party Talks.

ASEAN further emphasises the importance of dialogue aimed at promoting mutual understanding and confidence among all parties concerned with ensuring peace, security and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

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