

Security Council

Resolution on DPRK

2 March 2016

Declaration after the vote

I shall now make a short declaration in my national capacity.

“Angola voted in favor of resolution, joining the international consensus on the need to prevent nuclear proliferation, for the threat it poses to international peace and security.

Angola sees as a most unfortunate development the recent tests by the DPRK of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles, despite all efforts deployed by the international community and the incentives afforded to DPRK to change behavior and give up its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs, which seriously endanger security and stability in the Korean Peninsula and the Far East.

By unanimously adopting resolution, the Security Council is sending a precise and strong signal of the international community's outright rejection of nuclear proliferation, and is an additional deterrent to eventual spoilers of the international non proliferation regime.

The negotiators of the draft resolution tried to find a balance between the need of imposing stringent measures against those responsible for the DPRK nuclear and ballistic missile program, and to avoid the imposition of a general punishment, of huge proportions, to the people of North Korea and the wrecking of their basic livelihoods.

Moreover, the resolution leaves a window of opportunity for negotiations in solving the DPRK nuclear issue, which we would like to see all parties concerned take advantage of.

Finally, we make a call to the DPRK to negotiate, within the agreed frameworks, a solution to this issue, with a view of breaking its isolation and reap all benefits as a rightful member of the international community”.

I now resume my capacity as President of the Security Council.