Australia - Cluster 2 Specific Issues

Chair

Australia welcomes the initiative for a statement on the DPRK’s nuclear challenge to the NPT, open to all States Parties to the NPT. Australia supports the statement and encourages all countries to support it - to send a very clear message to the DPRK that it should not continue down this path of risking regional and global security.

The DPRK’s ongoing pursuit of nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities is a clear breach of multiple UN Security Council resolutions.

Australia calls on all countries to redouble efforts to implement unanimously agreed UN Security Council Sanctions against the DPRK to press upon it that its current path is unsustainable.

Australia is implementing United Nations Security Council resolutions and will continue to take all necessary steps to deter the DPRK’s dangerous ambitions, including through autonomous measures.

Chair

A number of delegations have raised the challenge posed by ballistic missile proliferation in the context of the DPRK, and in other parts of the world. Australia shares these concerns and strongly supports international efforts to address this problem, including as a member of the MTCR.

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A number of delegations have spoken about progress in strengthening nuclear security to counter the threat of nuclear terrorism by non-state actors.

This work is critical and ongoing. The IAEA is the central international forum for technical work and cooperation on nuclear security. It needs sufficient resources from member states to fulfil its nuclear security mandate.

Chair
The Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) and the Vienna Group of Ten have made a range of recommendations on non-proliferation, including the NPDI working paper on the DPRK. We draw your attention to these recommendations as a practical contribution to this meeting.

Thank you