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1. Today, the DPRK announced that it had conducted the third nuclear test.

2. The DPRK conducted the nuclear test despite the repeated call by the international community to comply fully with the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions (UNSCRs) and not to conduct any further provocation including nuclear tests. This nuclear test by the DPRK is totally unacceptable, as it constitutes a grave threat to Japan’s security, represents a grave challenge to the international disarmament and non-proliferation regime centered on the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT), and seriously undermines the peace and security of Northeast Asia as well as the international community when taken together with its enhancement of its ballistic missile capability which could serve as the means to deliver weapons of mass destruction. This nuclear test is a clear violation of relevant UNSCRs. It also violates the Japan-DPRK Pyongyang Declaration as well as the Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks of September 2005, and goes against the resolution of various issues through dialogue with the DPRK. Thus, Japan lodges a serious protest against the DPRK, and strongly condemns its nuclear test.

3. In particular, the nuclear test was conducted while the UNSCR 2087, which was adopted in response to the missile launch which the DPRK called a “satellite” on December 12, following the launch in April 2012, clearly expresses its determination to take significant action in the event of a nuclear test. This series of provocations are a grave challenge to the authority of the United Nations Security Council.

4. Japan has requested that the Security Council promptly meet. Japan renews its strong demand for North Korea to immediately and fully implement relevant UNSCRs. In addition, Japan takes this occasion to once again strongly urge the DPRK to take concrete action towards comprehensively resolving outstanding issues of concern, including the abductions, nuclear and missile programs.