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Mr. President,

Despite the repeated strong calls from the international community, on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the DPRK launched a ballistic missile again, after a week from the latest launch, in a clear violation of a series of United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) and against the Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks. This launch is unacceptable and undermines the efforts by the international community towards a peaceful solution. The recent launches by the DPRK constitute a grave and increasing threat not only to Japan but also to regional and international peace and security. We strongly condemn the DPRK and urge the DPRK to immediately and fully implement relevant UNSCRs and other commitments without taking further provocative actions. And also we call upon all states to intensify efforts to address the threat posed by the nuclear and missile programmes of the DPRK, including through the full and effective implementation of all relevant UNSCRs.

I thank you, Mr. President.