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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to refer to the DPRK's recent ballistic missile launch. It is unacceptable that the DPRK once again conducted a missile launch on February 12th.

It is not only a clear violation of relevant UN Security Council resolutions, including 2321, but also a provocation which undermines the peace and security of the region and international community, including Japan.

Therefore, we strongly condemn the launch and urge the DPRK to comply with the relevant UNSC resolutions and other international commitments without taking further provocative actions.

Thank you, Mr President.