Statement by the Spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on North Korea’s planned satellite launch

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

“The High Representative is deeply concerned by the DPRK announcement about plans to carry out a satellite launch next month. This launch would be contrary to DPRK’s international obligations, in particular under UN Security Council resolution 1874. It would also undermine ongoing diplomatic efforts to create an environment conducive for the resumption of the Six-Party Talks on the nuclear issue.

The High Representative calls on the DPRK to confirm as a matter of urgency that it will refrain from the proposed launch and to resume work on mutual confidence building.”

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