Meeting with US Vice-President Pence on the side-lines of the UN General Assembly in New York, EU High Representative Mogherini reaffirmed that the EU will stand by the international agreement on Iran's nuclear programme, and continue to assert diplomatic and economic pressure on Pyongyang for the peaceful denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula.

Nuclear disarmament and relations with Iran and the DPRK were high on the agenda of a bilateral meeting between EU High Representative Federica Mogherini and United States Vice-President Mike Pence on 19 September.

Ahead of a ministerial meeting today on the implementation of the international agreement on the
Iran nuclear programme - the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the High Representative reaffirmed that the JCPOA is working, and that Iran is delivering on its commitments, as certified so far seven times by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). It is therefore important that a full and effective implementation of the deal, in all its parts and by all parties, continues, Mogherini insisted.

The EU also prioritises a multiulateral approach to dealing with the current escalating tensions on the Korean peninsula. Mogherini confirmed a very clear position of the European Union: the DPRK must cease further reckless provocations and abandon its nuclear weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile programmes in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and immediately cease all related activities. The EU will continue with diplomatic and economic pressure, including adoption of new restrictive measures, the High Representative stressed. The EU will work with international partners for full implementation of existing sanctions, and to open up a political process to achieve the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula through peaceful means, Mogherini said.

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