ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS’ STATEMENT ON
THE SITUATION IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA

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The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) expresses its
grave concern over the escalation of tension in the Korean Peninsula,
including the DPRK’s two nuclear tests in 2016 and subsequent ballistic
missile launches.

ASEAN is mindful that instability in the Korean Peninsula seriously
impacts the region and beyond.

ASEAN strongly urges the DPRK to comply fully with its obligations
arising from all relevant United Nations Security Council (UNSC)
Resolutions and international laws in the interest of maintaining
international peace and security.

ASEAN also urges the DPRK and all parties concerned to exercise self-
restraint in order to de-escalate the tension and refrain from actions that
may aggravate the situation.

ASEAN supports the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and in
this regard, calls for the resumption of dialogue on the Korean Peninsula
to defuse tensions and create conditions conducive to peace and
stability.

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