

ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' STATEMENT ON THE RECENT SURGE OF MISSILE TESTING ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA 10 June 2022

- ASEAN expresses grave concerns over the recent surge in DPRK's Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) testing and ballistic missile launches. This worrisome development reflects an increased tension on the Korean Peninsula and threatens peace and stability in the region and in the world.
- Recognising that instability in the Korean Peninsula seriously impacts regional peace and stability, ASEAN urges the DPRK to exercise selfrestraint in order to de-escalate the tension and avoid actions that may further aggravate the situation.
- 3. ASEAN reiterates its call on the DPRK to fully comply with all relevant UNSC Resolutions, taking into account the international community's calls for diplomacy and in the interest of maintaining peace and security in the region. Diplomatic efforts, including the creation of a conducive environment for peaceful dialogue amongst all concerned parties, should remain a priority.
- 4. ASEAN reaffirms its readiness to play a constructive role, including through utilizing ASEAN-led mechanisms, such as the ASEAN Regional Forum, to de-escalate tension in order to bring about a complete, verifiable, irreversible, and peaceful denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula. ASEAN emphasizes that achieving peace and stability will also mean greater development and prosperity for the DPRK and the whole region.

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