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Implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Resolution adopted on 30 September 2005 during the tenth plenary meeting

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling the Board of Governors' resolutions GOV/2636, GOV/2639, GOV/2645, GOV/2692, GOV/2711, GOV/2742, GOV/2002/60, and GOV/2003/3, as well as General Conference resolutions GC(XXXVII)/RES/624, GC(XXXVIII)/RES/16, GC(39)/RES/3, GC(40)/RES/4, GC(41)/RES/22, GC(42)/RES/2, GC(43)/RES/3, GC(44)/RES/26, GC(45)RES/16, GC(46)RES/14, GC(47)RES/12, and GC(48)RES/15,
- (b) Noting in particular the resolution of the Board of Governors in document GOV/2003/14 of 12 February 2003, in which the Board declared that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) was in further non-compliance with its safeguards agreement, and decided to report the DPRK's non-compliance to the United Nations Security Council,
- (c) Welcoming the positive result of the fourth round of the Six-Party Talks, in which the parties agreed to the goal and basic principles, laying a good foundation for future discussions to realise concrete steps,
- (d) Noting statements by a wide range of high-level multilateral bodies regarding the DPRK's nuclear programmes, which make clear that this is an issue of concern to the international community,
- (e) Recalling with grave concern the steps taken by the DPRK which led to the Board decision of 12 February 2003 to find the DPRK in further non-compliance with its NPT safeguards agreement,
- (f) Noting with serious concern the official DPRK statement dated 10 February 2005 in which it announced that it had manufactured nuclear weapons, as well as its announcement of 2 October 2003 that it had completed the reprocessing of over 8000 spent fuel rods and its

statement of 11 May 2005 that it had unloaded further spent fuel rods from the Yongbyon plant, while noting also its statements in support of a nuclear-weapon-free Peninsula,

(g) Conscious that a Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons would contribute positively to regional and global peace and security, and that the DPRK's abandonment of all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programmes would serve that objective, and

(h) Having considered the Director General's report contained in document GC(49)/13, which describes the DPRK's unilateral actions which render the Agency unable to verify that nuclear material has not been diverted,

1. Strongly endorses the actions taken by the Board of Governors and commends the impartial efforts of the Director General and the Secretariat to apply comprehensive safeguards in the DPRK;
2. Strongly welcomes the Joint Statement issued on 19 September 2005 at the conclusion of the fourth round of the Six-Party Talks in Beijing, which accomplished positive progress by taking a first step toward the goal of the verifiable denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner, and looks forward to the results of the fifth round of these talks in early November;
3. Calls upon the DPRK to co-operate with the Agency in the full and effective implementation of comprehensive IAEA safeguards;
4. Stresses its desire for a peaceful resolution through dialogue to the DPRK nuclear issue, leading to a nuclear-weapon-free Korean Peninsula, with a view to maintaining peace and security in the region;
5. Supports the international community's peaceful efforts in all available and appropriate forums to resolve the DPRK nuclear issue; and
6. Decides to remain seized of the matter and to include the item in the agenda for its fiftieth regular session.