

2023 ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' STATEMENT ON THE BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCH ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

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1. We expressed grave concern over the recent launch of the ballistic missile by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on July 12, 2023.
2. We were deeply dismayed by this action, particularly during the 56th ASEAN Ministerial Meetings/Post Ministerial Conference Meetings (AMM/PMC) and other ASEAN-led meetings, and reaffirmed our commitment to the promotion of peace, security, and stability in the region, to which the DPRK is also committed to, including as a member of the ASEAN Regional Forum.
3. We urged the DPRK to take action to de-escalate tension and called for peaceful dialogue among concerned parties, including to create a conducive environment towards the realisation of lasting peace and stability in a denuclearised Korean Peninsula.
4. We re-emphasized the importance of full compliance with all relevant United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions and to abide by international law.
5. We reiterated our readiness to play a constructive role, including through the utilisation of ASEAN-led platforms such as the ARF.