

Statement on Nuclear Test by North Korea
(Provisional Translation)

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1. North Korea (DPRK) today conducted a nuclear test which is the fifth in its history and the second this year. This constitutes a clear threat to international peace and security and a challenge to the effort of the international community to promote nuclear disarmament and secure nuclear non-proliferation. The Japan Atomic Energy Commission (JAEC) condemns such an act more strongly than ever before.
2. The promotion of nuclear disarmament and the strengthening of the international nuclear non-proliferation regime are indispensable for the international society's pursuit of peaceful use, research and development of nuclear energy for the betterment of human welfare. Therefore, the JAEC has consistently supported such efforts being made by the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency, among others, and held that Japan should take a leading role in such efforts.
3. Japan determined the North Korea's nuclear test last January to be in violation of the past Security Council resolutions and strongly condemned the act. Japan along with the United States and other members has proposed a resolution greatly strengthening and expanding sanctions, which was unanimously adopted by the Security Council as resolution 2270. The G7 Hiroshima Foreign Ministers' Meeting in April 2016 issued a declaration to the same effect. Yet another nuclear test by North Korea in violation of the repeated U.N. Security Council resolutions is a serious affront to those who have been making efforts for

nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, in particular the effort to bring the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) into force, ignores the Japanese people's strong wish for the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons, and can never be tolerated.

4. The JAEC strongly demands North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapon program immediately and return to the non-proliferation regime.