



Situation in Korean Peninsula: Responses of Six Party Members (North Korea, United States, South Korea, China, Russia and Japan) - Who Said What

November 29- December 1, 2017

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Country	Comments
North Korea	<p style="text-align: center;">Rodong Sinmun</p> <p>December 1, 2017¹</p> <p>“The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on Nov. 29 hosted a reception in honor of the visiting joint delegation of political parties of the State Duma of Russia. Present there on invitation were members of the delegation headed by Kazbek Taysaev, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation who is head of the Russia-DPRK Friendship Parliamentary Group of the State Duma, and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK. Ri Su Yong, member of the Political Bureau and vice-chairman of the C.C., WPK, Ri Yong Chol, vice department director of the C.C., WPK, and officials concerned were on hand.”</p>

¹ "Russian Delegation Feted", Rodong Sinmun, December 1, 2017, http://rodong.rep.kp/en/index.php?strPageID=SF01_02_01&newsID=2017-12-01-0007

	<p style="text-align: center;">KCNA</p> <p>November 29, 2017²</p> <p>“A test-fire of the inter-continental ballistic rocket Hwasong-15 was successfully conducted on November 29 under the guidance of Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army.”</p> <p>“The ICBM Hwasong-15 soared to the highest altitude of 4475 km and made a flight over the distance of 950 km for 53 minutes before making an accurate landing in the preset waters in the open sea in the East Sea of Korea.”</p> <p>“The ICBM Hwasong-15 weapon system represents the weapon system peculiar to the Workers' Party of Korea, which was developed with domestic efforts and technology 100 percent to suit the specific conditions of the country. With this system, the DPRK has become possessed of another new-type inter-continental ballistic rocket weaponry system capable of carrying super-heavy nuclear warhead and attacking the whole mainland of the U.S.”</p> <p>“He (Kim Jong-un)said that the day was a significant day when the historic cause of completing the state nuclear force, the cause of building a rocket power was realized, adding that the day, on which the great might of putting the strategic position of the DPRK on a higher stage was given birth, should be specially recorded in the history of the country.”</p>
USA	<p style="text-align: center;">Donald Trump- President</p> <p>November 30, 2017³</p> <p>“The Chinese envoy, who just returned from North Korea, seems to have had no impact on Little Rocket Man.”</p> <p>“Hard to believe his people, and the military, put up with living in such horrible conditions. Russia and China condemned the launch.”</p>

² "Kim Jong Un Guides Test-fire of ICBM Hwasong-15", KCNA, November 29, 2017, <https://kcna.kp/>

³ Donald Trump, Twitter, November 30, 2017, <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/936209447747190784>

Rex Tillerson- Secretary of State

November 30, 2017⁴

"I think the Chinese are doing a lot."

"We do think they could do more with the oil, and we're really asking them to please restrain more of the oil -- not cut it off completely."

Referring to the denuclearization talks that began after China suspended its oil supply in 2003, Tillerson said,

"That was the most effective tool the last time the North Koreans came to the table, was cutting the oil off."

Jim Mattis- Secretary of Defense

November 30, 2017⁵

"I'm not willing to say that diplomacy has not worked. We will continue to work diplomatically. We'll continue to work through the United Nations -- the United Nations Security Council and we will be unrelenting in that. At the same time our diplomats will speak from a position of strength because we do have military options."

Sarah Sanders- Press Secretary, White House

November 30, 2017⁶

This administration is focused on one big thing when it comes to North Korea, and that's denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. That's our number-one priority. That's what we're focused on. Anything beyond that is not the priority at this point.

⁴ "Tillerson urges China to curb oil supply to N. Korea", The Yonhap News, December 1, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/12/01/0401000000AEN20171201000800315.html>

⁵ "Remarks by Secretary Mattis at an Honor Cordon Welcoming His Excellency Faye Serraj, Prime Minister of Libya, to the Pentagon", US Department of defense, November 30, 2017, <https://www.defense.gov/News/Transcripts/Transcript-View/Article/1384780/remarks-by-secretary-mattis-at-an-honor-cordon-welcoming-his-excellency-faye-s/>

⁶ "Press Briefing by Press Secretary Sarah Sanders and Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services Eric Hargan, 11/30/2017, #36", The White House, November 30, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/30/press-briefing-press-secretary-sarah-sanders-and-acting-secretary-health>

Statement- White House

November 30, 2017⁷

“President Donald J. Trump spoke today with President Moon Jae-in of the Republic of Korea for the second time since North Korea launched an intercontinental ballistic missile on November 28. The two leaders discussed next steps to respond to this most recent provocation by North Korea, including how to bring maximum pressure to bear on the regime. The presidents reiterated their strong commitment to enhancing the alliance’s deterrence and defense capabilities. Both leaders reaffirmed their strong commitment to compelling North Korea to return to the path of denuclearization at any cost. President Trump committed to sending a high-level delegation to the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics”

Heather Nauert- Spokesperson, State Department

November 30, 2017⁸

“We have called on countries across the world to join us in that maximum pressure campaign in reducing the size of their missions in North Korea. If they would be willing to close their missions in North Korea altogether, I think that that is something that we would be supportive of. We’ve also called on nations to kick out North Korean guest workers, to reduce the size of North Korean missions in their own countries. It’s a broad pressure campaign.”

Donald Trump- President

November 29, 2017⁹

"Just spoke to President XI JINPING of China concerning the provocative actions of North Korea."
"Additional major sanctions will be imposed on North Korea today. This situation will be handled!"

⁷ "Readout of President Donald J. Trump's Call with President Moon Jae-In of the Republic of Korea", The White House, November 30, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/30/readout-president-donald-j-trumps-call-president-moon-jae-republic-korea>

⁸ "Department Press Briefing", US Department of State, November 30, 2017, <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/dpb/2017/11/276085.htm>

⁹ Donald Trump, Twitter, November 29, 2017, <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/935881037254725632>

Statement- White House

November 29, 2017¹⁰

“President Donald J. Trump spoke today with President Xi Jinping of the People’s Republic of China to discuss North Korea’s latest missile launch. President Trump underscored the determination of the United States to defend ourselves and our allies from the growing threat posed by the North Korean regime. President Trump emphasized the need for China to use all available levers to convince North Korea to end its provocations and return to the path of denuclearization.”

November 29, 2017¹¹

“President Donald J. Trump spoke today with President Moon Jae-in of the Republic of Korea to discuss the alliance’s response to North Korea’s test of an intercontinental ballistic missile. Both leaders underscored the grave threat that North Korea’s latest provocation poses not only to the United States and the Republic of Korea, but to the entire world. President Trump and President Moon reaffirmed their strong condemnation of North Korea’s reckless campaign to advance its nuclear and ballistic missile programs, noting that these weapons only serve to undermine North Korea’s security and deepen its diplomatic and economic isolation.”

Nikki Haley- US Ambassador to UN

November 29, 2017

“Yesterday, the North Korean regime made a choice. It chose to feed its nuclear aggression. It chose to thumb its nose at the civilized world. It chose to challenge the patience of a world united against its recklessness.”

“This Council has banned coal exports from North Korea. And yet, we have reports of the regime continuing to smuggle coal into neighboring Asian countries using deceptive tactics to mask the coal’s origins.”

¹⁰ "Readout of President Donald J. Trump's Call with President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China", The White House, November 29, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/29/readout-president-donald-j-trumps-call-president-xi-jinping-peoples>

¹¹ "Readout of President Donald J. Trump's Call with President Moon Jae-In of the Republic of Korea", The White House, November 29, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/28/readout-president-donald-j-trumps-call-president-moon-jae-republic-korea>

	<p>“There are countries that are continuing to fund the North Korean nuclear program by violating UN sanctions and obstructing our efforts. The world knows who many of them are.”</p> <p>“The regime has shown time and again that it doesn’t want to talk. Kim didn’t even speak with President Xi’s envoy when he was sent to talk to the regime.”</p> <p>“We should continue to treat North Korea as the international pariah it has become by taking its UN Rights and Privileges away, including its voting powers.”</p> <p>“The dictator of North Korea made a choice yesterday that brings the world closer to war, not farther from it. We have never sought war with North Korea, and still today we do not seek it. If war does come, it will be because of continued acts of aggression like we witnessed yesterday. And if war comes, make no mistake, the North Korean regime will be utterly destroyed.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Raj Shah - Principal Deputy Press Secretary</p> <p>November 29, 2017¹²</p> <p>“North Korean threat is very grave. It's not just a threat to the United States or a threat to the region -- or the Korean Peninsula region, but a threat to the entire world and the civilized world.”</p> <p>“And we're encouraged that more countries are taking more significant steps to help apply as much maximum pressure as we can on North Korea.”</p>
<p>South Korea</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Moon jae-in- President</p> <p>December 1, 2017¹³</p>

¹² "Press Gaggle by Principal Deputy Press Secretary Raj Shah en route St. Louis, MO", The White House, November 29, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/29/press-gaggle-principal-deputy-press-secretary-raj-shah-en-route-st-louis>

¹³ "Moon, Trump agree to bring N. Korea to dialogue table thru sanctions, pressure", The Yonhap News, December 1, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/12/01/0401000000AEN20171201000753315.html>

"The task we face is to completely prevent North Korea from further advancing its nuclear and missile technologies, and eventually to have them dismantled."

Park Soo-hyun.- Spokesman, Office of the President

December 1, 2017¹⁴

"The two leaders agreed on the need to maintain their basic stance of putting strong sanctions and pressure on the North until North Korea voluntarily gives up developing nukes and missiles and comes out for dialogue."

"The missile launched yesterday certainly was the most advanced one so far in all aspects, but the reentry technology has not yet been proven, and it is also uncertain whether the North has secured the technology to miniaturize nuclear warheads,"

"President Trump praised our government's such efforts, and underscored the need to deter provocations and counter threats from North Korea with overwhelming power based on the strong joint defense posture of South Korea and the United States."

Lee Eugene- Spokesperson, Unification Ministry

December 1, 2017¹⁵

"There is no change in the government's stance that the supply of humanitarian aid should be handled separately from political situations. But Seoul will decide on the timing of the actual provision after taking various factors into account."

Cho Myoung-gyon - Unification Minister

November 30, 2017¹⁶

¹⁴ "Moon, Trump agree to bring N. Korea to dialogue table thru sanctions, pressure", The Yonhap News, December 1, 2017,

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/12/01/0401000000AEN20171201000753315.html>

¹⁵ "S. Korea notifies U.S., Japan of its aid plan to N.K. before ICBM test: sources", The Yonhap News, December 1, 2017,

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/12/01/37/0401000000AEN20171201004900315F.html>

¹⁶ "Minister concerned about timing of S. Korea-U.S. war games", The Yonhap News, November 30, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/11/30/81/0401000000AEN20171130003751315F.html>

"As the PyeongChang Winter Olympics and the South Korea-U.S. military exercise happen to coincide with each other, how to resolve this situation is an important task."

"What's most important is to host the PyeongChang Olympics in a stable atmosphere."

"Until recently, there were indications that North Korea has faced limits in connection with atmospheric re-entry technology, guiding and sending (an ICBM) to an intended point, and blowing up (the warhead) at a timing it wants."

Col. Roh Jae-cheon- Spokesman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

November 30, 2017¹⁷

"(We) are assessing that the Hwasong-15 is a new type."

"There are clear differences in the appearance of the Hwasong-15's warhead, the connection part between the first and second stage (of the missile), and the overall size."

Yoon Young-chan- Chief Press Secretary, Office of the President

November 29, 2017

"President Moon Jae-in and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe agreed to further intensify their countries' cooperation to put stronger pressure and sanctions against North Korea, noting they can no longer tolerate North Korea's threats to security."

"Expressing concerns over North Korea's claim that its nuclear and missile development programs are in their final stages, the two leaders agreed to seek stronger pressure against North Korea at the U.N. Security Council meeting scheduled for Nov. 30."

"Prime Minister Abe emphasized that it was important for China to play a greater role in putting pressure on North Korea."

¹⁷ "Military: N. Korea's Hwasong-15 seems newly developed", The Yonhap News, November 30, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/11/30/0401000000AEN20171130001353315.html>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Statement- Foreign Ministry</p> <p>November 29, 2017¹⁸</p> <p>“The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) yet again launched a long-range ballistic missile on November 29. The DPRK’s repeated acts of provocation are a grave threat to peace and security on the Korean Peninsula and beyond. The Government of the Republic of Korea (ROK) strongly condemns the DPRK’s continued escalation of tensions through reckless provocations conducted in disregard of the ROK’s genuine efforts to ease tensions and establish peace on the Korean Peninsula.”</p> <p>“Based on a robust ROK-US combined defense posture, the ROK Government will respond resolutely to any provocation by North Korea. Furthermore, the ROK Government will remain steadfast in safeguarding the security of the nation and the lives of its people while continuing to strengthen deterrence against North Korea in close coordination with the United States.”</p>
China	<p style="text-align: center;">Geng Shuang – Spokesperson, Foreign Ministry</p> <p>November 30, 2017¹⁹</p> <p>An editorial published in China Daily argued that the clock was ticking down to two choices, one was war and the other was accepting a nuclearized DPRK.²⁰ On the editorial foreign ministry spokesperson said,</p> <p>“In principle, we do not respond to or comment on whatever is said by the media or scholars or experts. I want to stress two points. First, China is committed to realizing the denuclearization of the Peninsula and preserving the international nuclear non-proliferation regime. We</p>

¹⁸ "Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the DPRK’s Long-range Ballistic Missile Launch of November 29", The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROK, November 29, 2017, http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/press/pressreleases/index.jsp?menu=m_10_20&sp=/webmodule/htsboard/template/read/engreadboard.jsp%3FtypeID=12%26boardid=302%26seqno=319464%26tableName=TYPE_ENGLISH

¹⁹ "Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Geng Shuang’s Regular Press Conference", The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC, November 30, 2017, http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/t1515494.shtml

²⁰ "Grave concerns that DPRK crisis is getting out of hand", China Daily, November 30, 2017, http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/opinion/2017-11/30/content_35130164.htm

	<p>hope the international community could jointly work for this goal. Second, as said many times, the Peninsula nuclear issue, in the final analysis, must be properly resolved in peaceful ways through dialogue and consultation. The use of force and military means is not a viable option.”</p> <p>November 29, 2017²¹</p> <p>“China expresses grave concern and opposition to the DPRK’s launching activities. China strongly urges the DPRK side to abide by relevant Security Council resolutions and cease actions that will heighten tensions on the Korean Peninsula. We hope that all relevant parties will act cautiously and work together to safeguard peace and stability in the region.”</p> <p>“As we stressed time and again, resorting to military means and use of force is not an option for the settlement of the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue.”</p> <p>“China’s position is unequivocal. We always disapprove of any unilateral sanctions or “long-arm jurisdiction” outside the framework of the UN Security Council imposed on others by a certain country in accordance with its domestic law.”</p>
Russia	<p style="text-align: center;">Sergey Lavrov- Foreign Minister</p> <p>November 30, 2017²²</p> <p>"Washington’s recent steps seem to be deliberately aimed at provoking Pyongyang to take some tough actions.”</p> <p>"Announced that large-scale unscheduled drills would held in December."</p> <p>"It seems, they have done everything on purpose, to make [North Korean leader] Kim Jong-un lose control and make another desperate move.”</p> <p>"The Americans need to explain to us all what they are actually up to. If they seek a pretext to destroy North Korea, they should openly say so</p>

²¹ "Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Geng Shuang's Regular Press Conference", Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC, November 29, 2017,

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/t1515157.shtml

²² "Lavrov advises Washington not to egg on North Korea", TASS, November 30, 2017,

<http://tass.com/politics/978223>

and the US leadership should confirm it. Then we would decide how to respond.”

"Our attitude (to the US proposals) is negative. We have said more than once that the sanctions pressure has in fact exhausted itself.”

“All the resolutions imposing sanctions also demand that the political process and talks be resumed.”

"But the US has been ignoring this demand. I think it is a huge mistake.”

Referring to a US hint in September 2017 that the next military drills in the region were set to be held in spring, "North Korea could take advantage of the break and refrain from desperate moves, and why not try to build dialogue under this situation. We were encouraged by such statements. And suddenly they [the US and their regional allies] are holding unscheduled drills in October - although they mentioned spring - then in December and then the next drills are going to take place in December.”

Dmitry Peskov- Spokesman, Kremlin

November 30, 2017²³

"You know, to sever ties with [North] Korea would be the easiest thing to do. The question is what we will do to resolve the issue. We believe that we should pool our efforts to find an answer to this question.”

**Konstantin Kosachev- Head, Federation Council (upper house)
International Affairs Committee**

November 30, 2017²⁴

"Missile tests are an obvious and unjustifiable violation of the UN Security Council resolutions. That is plain and simple. However, the United States' calls for a global shutdown of all ties are no less destructive. They are in line with America's current all stick and no

²³ "Kremlin warns against severing ties with North Korea", TASS, November 30, 2017, <http://tass.com/politics/978377>

²⁴ "Russian senator blasts US 'destructive' plans to sever ties with Pyongyang", TASS, November 30, 2017, <http://tass.com/politics/978329>

carrot logic."

Nikolai Patrushev - Secretary of Russia's Security Council

November 30, 2017²⁵

"What is happening on the Korean Peninsula is an issue that needs to be discussed and solved in a diplomatic way, and no way a military scenario should be allowed."

Vasily Nebenzya- Permanent Representative to the United Nations

November 30 , 2019²⁶

"Russia finds North Korea's claims for a status of nuclear power unacceptable and has supported all United Nations Security Council resolutions demanding Pyongyang stop its nuclear missile program in the interests of denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

"Prospects for normalization of the situation on the Korean Peninsula are still vague."

Dmitry Pesko- Spokesman, Kremlin

November 29, 2017²⁷

"No doubt, another missile launch is a provocative step, which sparks a further rise in tensions, and which moves us away from beginning to settle the crisis. We condemn this launch and hope that all the respective sides will manage to keep calm, which is very necessary to prevent the worst-case scenario on the Korean Peninsula."

"There is no reason for any significant optimism now."

²⁵ "Russian security chief calls to prevent military scenario on Korean peninsula", TASS, November 30, 2017, <http://tass.com/politics/978285>

²⁶ "Russia finds North Korea's claims for nuclear power status unacceptable - UN envoy", TASS, November 30, 2017, <http://tass.com/politics/978185>

²⁷ "Moscow condemns North Korea's new missile launch — Kremlin", TASS, November 29, 2017, <http://tass.com/politics/977996>

Statement- Foreign Ministry

November 29, 2017²⁸

“We are very concerned about yet another North Korean ballistic missile launched on November 29 in violation of UN Security Council resolutions.”

“Today, against the backdrop of constant military activity by the United States and its allies in the region around the Korean Peninsula over the last few months, it is particularly important that the involved parties not provoke each other, but rather display restraint and avoid any new actions that could lead to the further escalation of tensions. In this connection, we urge the DPRK to stop its missile and nuclear tests. We also urge the United States and the Republic of Korea to refrain from holding unscheduled and unprecedented air force exercises as announced, in early December this year, which will aggravate an already explosive situation.”

“Russia’s position regarding a Korean Peninsula settlement remains unchanged: an effective search for a long-term and mutually acceptable solution for the range of problems is only possible through persistent and energetic political-diplomatic work. In this context, we urge all parties to implement the Russian road map for a Korean settlement. We see no reasonable alternative to this.”

Valentina Matvienko - Federation Council Speaker

November 29, 2017²⁹

“We will continue taking efforts to urge our partners, North Korea to stop any sorts of tests and the US, South Korea and others to stop their hostile rhetoric, as nothing good will come of it.”

"All states and the UN should be doing everything possible to oblige North Korea to fulfil the UN Security Council decisions and the resolution and stop any sorts of tests. Our position here is the same as that of the global community.”

²⁸ "Comment by the Information and Press Department on a North Korean missile launch", Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian federation, November 29, 2017, http://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/-/asset_publisher/cKNonkJEo2Bw/content/id/2971214

²⁹ "Russia ready to help settle situation in North Korea — lawmaker, TASS, November 29, 2017, <http://tass.com/politics/978046>

Leonid Slutsky- Chairman of the State Duma International Affairs Committee

November 29, 2017³⁰

"A delegation of the State Duma [the lower chamber of the Russian parliament - TASS], led by Kazbek Taisayev, is currently in Pyongyang under the 'Group of Friendship' program with the North Korean parliament. So far, we were unable to establish any contact with them. But I'm sure that our lawmakers will deliver Russia's stance during meetings and negotiations with representatives of the North Korean leadership,"

"However, one has to admit that Washington and Seoul have on many occasions provoked the North Korean leadership by their hostile rhetoric and military exercises in vicinity of the North Korean border. Unfortunately, all sides only continue to fuel tensions, and this may have very nasty consequences."

"Russia cannot stay aside, because all those events are taking place in vicinity of our borders."

"We have issued numerous warnings at all levels about the possible catastrophic consequences that those destructive policies may have for the whole world. Moscow has repeatedly said that it does not support North Korea's self-proclaimed nuclear status and condemns missile launches carried out in breach of UN Security Council resolutions. We will continue to watch the situation closely."

"The Korean Peninsula's problems have no military solution."

"We need to continue the search for a diplomatic settlement."

³⁰ "Russia condemns North Korea's missile test — lawmaker", TASS, November 29, 2017, <http://tass.com/politics/977942>

Japan

Statement- Ministry of Defense

December 1, 2017³¹

“The three officials (Japan, the United States, and the Republic of Korea (ROK)) committed to continuing to cooperate on applying maximum pressure on North Korea so it changes its path, refrains from provocative and threatening actions, and makes a strategic decision to abandon its nuclear and missile programs.”

“The three sides condemned in the strongest terms the missile launch and called on North Korea to abide by its international obligations and commitments. The three officials stressed the importance of working closely with the international community to take measures to enhance the effectiveness of UN sanctions, including the prevention of illicit maritime transport of goods to and from North Korea.”

“The three sides pledged to enhance security cooperation. The three officials highlighted the importance of cooperation in the areas of information sharing on the North Korean threat and ballistic missile defense. The United States reaffirmed its ironclad commitment to the defense of Japan and the Republic of Korea.”

Taro Kono- Foreign Minister

November 29, 2017³²

“In complete disregard of the unanimous and strong will of the international community, North Korea has committed the reckless act of launching a missile that has landed into Japan’s exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Japan has lodged a protest in the strongest terms through the embassy route in Beijing and at the same time strongly demanded that North Korea change its policies. The protest states that North Korea will not have a bright future without resolving the nuclear and missile issues and the abductions issue, and strongly demands that North Korea change its policies. “

“It is now plain to see that North Korea has no intention of exhibiting self-restraint.”

³¹ "Japan-U.S.-Republic of Korea Video Teleconference", Ministry of Defense, Japan, December 1, 2017, <http://www.mod.go.jp/e/press/release/2017/12/01a.html>

³² "Extraordinary Press Conference by Foreign Minister Taro Kono", Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan, November 29, 2017, http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken4e_000442.html

	<p>“There are reports that economic sanctions are effectively producing results. Although economic sanctions do not produce results in a short space of time, they reliably make North Korea feel pressure. Firstly, to ensure there are no countries that fail to implement the existing Security Council resolutions, efforts for the solidarity of the international community must fully continue.”</p>
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