



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

November 4-9, 2017

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Country	Comment
North Korea	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Han Tae Song- Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva</b></p> <p>November 8, 2017<sup>1</sup></p> <p>“The United States and other hostile forces impede the enjoyment by our people of their human rights in every possible way, resorting to the vicious ways and means of all kinds in their attempt to stifle the ideas and system of the DPRK.”</p> <p>“Due to these inhumane economic sanctions, vulnerable peoples like women and children are becoming...victims.”</p>

<sup>1</sup> "North Korea says sanctions hurting women, children", The Reuters, November 8, 2017, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-un-rights/north-korea-says-sanctions-hurting-women-children-idUSKBN1D82BG>

“Such sanctions against humanity which block even the delivery of the medical equipment and medicines for maternal and child health and the basic goods for daily life including even children’s bicycles threaten the protection and promotion of our women’s rights and even the right to survival of the children.”

### **Rodong Sinmun**

November 8, 2017<sup>2</sup>

"Trump has flown to South Korea as he seeks to strengthen military threats against us and has an intention to light the fuse for a nuclear war," the Rodong Sinmun, the main newspaper, said in a commentary."

"The problem is that South Korea is blindly following the U.S. which is intent on the scheme for a nuclear war."

### **Commentary – Rodong Sinmun**

November 7, 2017<sup>3</sup>

“No matter how desperately the enemies may work, the army and people of the DPRK remain steadfast in their faith and will to successfully accomplish the historic cause of building the state nuclear force. The U.S. should not expect us to make any change.”

November 7, 2017<sup>4</sup>

"As long as the U.S. and its followers continue their hostile acts against us, we will further bolster our nuclear, precious sword of justice."

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<sup>2</sup> "N.K. slams Trump's visit to S. Korea", The Yonhap News, November 8, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/11/08/20/0401000000AEN20171108004000315F.html>

<sup>3</sup> "DPRK Will Finally Conclude Showdown with U.S. to Victory", Rodong Sinmun, November 7, 2017, [www.rodong.rep.kp/en/index.php?strPageID=SF01\\_02\\_01&newsID=2](http://www.rodong.rep.kp/en/index.php?strPageID=SF01_02_01&newsID=2)

<sup>4</sup> "N.K. vows to bolster its nuke power on Trump's visit to S. Korea", The Yonhap News, November 7, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/11/07/0401000000AEN20171107006000315.html>

USA

**Donald Trump- President**

November 9, 2017<sup>5</sup>

“Chief among these threats is the North Korean nuclear menace.”

“The United States is committed to the complete and permanent denuclearization of North Korea. So important. China can fix this problem easily and quickly, and I am calling on China and your great President to hopefully work on it very hard. I know one thing about your President: If he works on it hard, it will happen. There's no doubt about it.”

“All nations must come together to ensure that this rogue regime cannot threaten the world with its nuclear weapons.”

“I thank President Xi for his recent efforts to restrict trade with North Korea and to cut off all banking ties. ..I'm also calling on Russia to help rein in this potentially very tragic situation.”

November 9, 2017<sup>6</sup>

“The entire civilized world must unite to confront the North Korean menace. And the entire world is watching us right now.

“We (US and China) agreed not to replicate failed approaches of the past -- and there were many. We agreed on the need to fully implement all U.N. Security Council resolutions on North Korea and to increase economic pressure until North Korea abandons its reckless and dangerous path.”

“All responsible nations must join together to stop arming and financing -- and even trading with -- the murderous North Korean regime. Together, we have in our power to finally liberate this region

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<sup>5</sup> "Remarks by President Trump at Business Event with President Xi of China | Beijing, China", The White House, November 09, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/09/remarks-president-trump-business-event-president-xi-china-beijing-china>

<sup>6</sup> "Remarks by President Trump and President Xi of China in Joint Press Statement | Beijing, China", The White House, November 9, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/09/remarks-president-trump-and-president-xi-china-joint-press-statement>

and the world from this very serious nuclear menace. But it will require collective action, collective strength, and collective devotion to winning the peace.”

November 9, 2017<sup>7</sup>

“Our meeting this morning, in front of your representatives and my representatives, was excellent, discussing North Korea -- and I do believe there's a solution to that, as you do.”

**Rex Tillerson- Secretary, State Department**

November 9, 2017<sup>8</sup>

“The key topic of discussion was our continued joint effort to increase pressure on North Korea, to convince them to abandon their nuclear and missile program. President Trump and President Xi affirmed their commitment to achieve a complete, verifiable, and permanent denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. President Trump and President Xi will not accept a nuclear-armed North Korea.”

“President Xi took the views that the sanctions are going to take a little while, that he didn’t expect immediate results, but that, clearly, from his perspective, the North Korean regime is feeling the full effects of the sanctions themselves.”

“There is no disagreement on North Korea. In fact, we were quite pleased and gratified that President Xi himself and all the representatives that we deal with -- our counterparts on the Chinese side -- have been very clear and unequivocal they will not accept a North Korea with nuclear weapons.”

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<sup>7</sup> "Remarks by President Trump and President Xi of China Before Expanded Bilateral Meeting | Beijing, China", The White House, November 9, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/09/remarks-president-trump-and-president-xi-china-expanded-bilateral>

<sup>8</sup> "Press Briefing by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, 11/9/2017 | Beijing, China", The White House, November 9, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/09/press-briefing-secretary-state-rex-tillerson-1192017-beijing-china>

**Heather Nauert- Spokesperson, State Department**

November 9, 2017<sup>9</sup>

“In terms of talks, the President and the Secretary I think have been very clear on this matter that now is not the time for talks. At some point, if North Korea is showing that it is serious in its interest to denuclearize, perhaps we could look at doing that, but they’re still not showing any sign of seriousness on that matter.”

**Adm. Scott Swift- U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander**

November 9, 2017<sup>10</sup>

The three carriers -- USS Ronald Reagan, USS Nimitz and USS Theodore Roosevelt will conduct a rare combined exercise in the Western Pacific during November 11-14, 2017. The three carriers are also expected to train together with South Korea's Navy in the East Sea.

"It is a rare opportunity to train with two aircraft carriers together and even rarer to be able to train with three."

"Multiple carrier strike force operations are very complex, and this exercise in the Western Pacific is a strong testament to the U.S. Pacific Fleet's unique ability and ironclad commitment to the continued security and stability of the region."

**Senior Administration Official- White House**

November 8, 2017<sup>11</sup>

“President Moon and President Trump, reaffirmed their full support and commitment to this coordinated global pressure campaign to

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<sup>9</sup> "Department Press Briefing", The US State Department, November 9, 2017, <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/dpb/2017/11/275450.htm>

<sup>10</sup> "Three U.S. aircraft carriers set for joint drill near Korea", The Yonhap News, November 9, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/11/09/99/0401000000AEN20171109002351315F.html>

<sup>11</sup> "Press Gaggle by a Senior Administration Official Aboard Air Force One en route Beijing, China", The White House, November 08, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/08/press-gaggle-senior-administration-official-aboard-air-force-one-en>

bring North Korea back to authentic denuclearization talks.”

“The President made clear that reducing the threats, ending provocations, and moving towards sincere steps to ultimately denuclearize. And I think that North Korea has shown that, really, they are the ones that are putting forward preconditions. They are the ones who have been saying they're unwilling to talk about nuclear weapons; that that's not on the table. That's a nonstarter for us.”

“President's words stand. He does not believe that any deal can be ultimately achieved that does not allow for verification. So a movement toward denuclearization -- ultimate denuclearization -- but it has to be verifiable.”

“China is doing much more than it's ever done in the past, but it's not the time for complacency or for allowing people to slip through loopholes and for a lot of that residual activity to continue. We know that some of that activity is continuing, and we're going to work closely with the Chinese to identify that activity and end it.”

“I think that our administration has made clear from the start that the door is open to dialogue and efforts to sort of probe have been rather discouraging.”

### **Donald Trump- President**

November 7, 2017<sup>12</sup>

“North Korea is a worldwide threat that requires worldwide action. We call on every responsible nation, including China and Russia, to demand that the North Korean regime end its nuclear weapons and its missile programs, and live in peace.”

“It is unacceptable that nations would help to arm and finance this increasingly dangerous regime.”

“I believe it makes sense for North Korea to do the right thing,... to come to the table and to make a deal that's good for the people of North Korea and the people of the world. I do see certain movement,

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<sup>12</sup> "Remarks by President Trump and President Moon of the Republic of Korea in Joint Press Conference ", The White House, November 7, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/07/remarks-president-trump-and-president-moon-republic-korea-joint-press>

yes. But let's see what happens.”

“South Korea -- Republic of Korea, Korea -- is very important to me. And there will be no skipping South Korea, I can tell you that right now.”

November 8, 2017<sup>13</sup>

“The regime has interpreted America's past restraint as weakness. This would be a fatal miscalculation.”

“This is a very different administration than the United States has had in the past. Today I hope I speak not only for our countries, but for all civilized nations when I say to the North: Do not underestimate us. And do not try us.”

“We will offer a path to a much better future. It begins with an end to the aggression of your regime, a stop to your development of ballistic missiles, and complete, verifiable and total denuclearization.”

“The weapons you are acquiring are not making you safer. They are putting your regime in grave danger. Every step you take down this dark path increases the peril you face.”

“That objective, we are not going to let it have. We are not going to let it have. All of Korea is under that spell divided in half. South Korea will never allow what's going on in North Korea to continue to happen.”

“The world cannot tolerate the menace of a rogue regime that threatens with nuclear devastation. All responsible nations must join forces to isolate the brutal regime of North Korea, to deny it and any form, any form of it.”

“We call on every nation, including China and Russia, to fully implement U.N. Security Council resolutions, downgrade diplomatic relations with the regime, and sever all ties of trade and technology.”

November 6, 2017<sup>14</sup>

“Getting ready to leave for South Korea and meetings with President Moon, a fine gentleman. We will figure it all out!”

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<sup>13</sup> “Trump condemns brutal dictatorship of N.K., warns it not to 'underestimate us'”, The Yonhap News, November 8, 2017,

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2017/11/08/0200000000AEN20171108006754315.html>

<sup>14</sup> Donald Trump, Twitter, November 6, 2017,

<https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/927648870796070912>

November 6, 2017<sup>15</sup>

“Most importantly, we’re working to counter the dangerous aggressions of the regime in North Korea.”

North Korea is “a threat to the civilized world and to international peace and stability”.

“Some people said that my rhetoric is very strong. But look what’s happened with very weak rhetoric over the last 25 years. Look where we are right now.”

#### **Press Release- White House**

November 6, 2017<sup>16</sup>

“The two leaders (Donald Trump and Shinzo Abe) renewed their commitment to address unprecedented security challenges from North Korea.”

“The President underscored his commitment to enhancing Japan’s defense capabilities as part of our commitments to the Alliance and to making available advanced defensive equipment.”

#### **Donald Trump- President**

November 5, 2017<sup>17</sup>

When asked whether he would sit down with a dictator, during a TV interview President Trump said

"I would sit with anybody I feel,"

"I don't think it's strength or weakness. I think sitting down with people is not a bad thing. So I would certainly be open to doing that. "But we'll see where it goes. I think we're far too early."

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<sup>15</sup> "Trump says stands with Japan against North Korean 'menace', working on trade", The Reuters, November 6, 2017, <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-trump-asia-japan/trump-says-stands-with-japan-against-north-korean-menace-working-on-trade-idUSKBN1D6o2F>

<sup>16</sup> "President Donald J. Trump's Visit to Japan Strengthens the United States-Japan Alliance and Economic Partnership", The White House, November 6, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/06/president-donald-j-trumps-visit-japan-strengthens-united-states-japan>

<sup>17</sup> "Trump says 'open' to meeting with N.K. leader", The Yonhap News, November 6, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/11/06/0401000000AEN20171106000200315.html>



	<p>November 5, 2017<sup>18</sup></p> <p>"No one, no dictator, no regime... should underestimate American resolve."</p> <p>"Together with our allies, America's warriors are prepared to defend our nation using the full range of our unmatched capabilities."</p> <p>"Every once in a while, in the past, they underestimated us. It was not pleasant for them, was it? It was not pleasant."</p> <p>November 5, 2017<sup>19</sup></p> <p>"I think they're (North Koreans) great people".</p> <p>"They're industrious. They're warm, much warmer than the world really knows and understands, they're great people. And I hope it all works out for everybody. It'll be a wonderful thing if we can work it out for those great people and for everybody."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Michael Dumont- Vice-director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff</b></p> <p>November 5, 2017<sup>20</sup></p> <p>"The only way to 'locate and destroy -- with complete certainty -- all components of North Korea's nuclear weapons programs' is through a ground invasion."</p>
South Korea	<b>Moon Sang-gyun – Spokesman, Ministry of Defense</b>

<sup>18</sup>"Trump in Japan: 'No Dictator ... Should Underestimate American Resolve'", The Voice of America, November 5, 2017, <https://www.voanews.com/a/trump-in-japan-no-dictator-should-underestimate-us-resolve/4101345.html>

<sup>19</sup> "Trump Arrives in Japan, Starts Nearly Two-week, Multination Asia Trip", Voice of America, November 5, 2017, <https://www.voanews.com/a/trump-en-route-japan-first-stop-asian-trip/4101026.html>

<sup>20</sup> "Pentagon: N. Korea's nuclear program can only be destroyed by ground invasion", The Yonhap News, November 5, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/11/06/0401000000AEN20171106001100315.html>

November 9, 2017<sup>21</sup>

"There's no plan for combined training between the three countries -- South Korea, the U.S. and Japan."

"Consultations are under way between South Korea and the U.S. for the combined exercise."

### **Moon Jae- In President**

November 7, 2017<sup>22</sup>

"Today we had candid discussions about steadfastness of ROK-U.S. alliance. Moreover, we agreed to work towards resolving North Korean nuclear issue in a peaceful manner and bringing permanent peace to the Korean Peninsula."

"President Trump has reaffirmed his ironclad commitment to defend Korea, and President Trump and I agreed to further strengthen the robust combined defense posture of our two countries. In this regard, President Trump and I agreed to expand rotational deployment of U.S. strategic assets in and around Korean Peninsula."

"We reached a conclusion today to lift the payload limit on Korean missiles completely, with a final agreement. We also agreed to begin consultation for Korea's acquisitions and development of Korea's state-of-art military reconnaissance assets."

"Once again, we strongly urge North Korea to halt its nuclear and missile provocation, and to come to a dialogue table for denuclearization as soon as possible. President Trump and I reaffirmed our current strategy, which is to maximize pressure and sanctions on North Korea until it gives up nuclear weapons and to

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<sup>21</sup> "Three U.S. aircraft carriers set for joint drill near Korea", The Yonhap News, November 9, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/11/09/99/0401000000AEN20171109002351315F.html>

<sup>22</sup> "Remarks by President Trump and President Moon of the Republic of Korea in Joint Press Conference ", The White House, November 7, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/07/remarks-president-trump-and-president-moon-republic-korea-joint-press>

come to the table for dialogue on its own.”

“At the same time, should North Korea choose to make the right choice, we also reaffirmed our view that we are willing to offer North Korea a bright future. Based on such common approach between our two countries, we will continue to lead efforts to bring peaceful and fundamental solutions to North Korean nuclear issues.”

**Kang Kyung-wha – Foreign Minister**

November 7, 2017<sup>23</sup>

"Military options are there to give strength to diplomacy."

"Another war on the Korean Peninsula must not happen. We are very clear on that," Kang said during the interview in Seoul that was posted on its Web site and later aired on NBC Nightly News. "A resolution to the North Korean nuclear issue must be pursued in a peaceful, diplomatic manner."

"This is a country that grew out of the total devastation of the Korean War, and over a matter of six, seven decades we've become a thriving democracy ... and a thriving market economy."

"The idea that another war could wipe that out is just unimaginable."

"Military options are there to give strength to diplomacy. We are very clear about this and our colleagues, my counterparts, in the U.S. administration are also very clear about this."

"There are many ways to read this. One way is to say that the message is finally getting through. Another way is to say that they are using their time to fine-tune some technological aspects of what further provocations they might undertake."

"Further provocations are always possible. So we are watching very closely. Certainly this period of lull gives us an indication that North

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<sup>23</sup> "S. Korean foreign minister calls for peaceful, diplomatic resolution to N.K. issue", The Yonhap News, November 7, 2017, <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/11/07/0401000000AEN20171107004851315.html>

	<p>Korea is also recalculating.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Statement- Unification Ministry</b></p> <p>November 7, 2017<sup>24</sup></p> <p>"There is no change in the government's stance that the two Koreas should hold talks as soon as possible to ease military tensions and resolve the issue of war-torn families."</p>
China	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Xi Jinping- President</b></p> <p>November 9, 2017<sup>25</sup></p> <p>“On the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue, we (China and United States) reiterated the firm commitment to achieving denuclearization of the Peninsula and upholding international nonproliferation regime. The two sides will continue to fully and strictly implement U.N. Security Council resolutions. At the same time, the two sides commit to working toward a solution through dialogue and negotiation. And we are ready to discuss with relevant parties the pathway leading to enduring peace and stability in the Peninsula and the Northeast Asia. The two sides will maintain communication and cooperation on the Korean Peninsula issue.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hua Chunying- Spokesperson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b></p> <p>November 8, 2017<sup>26</sup></p> <p>“China's attitude on the DPRK-related resolutions of the UN Security Council is quite clear-cut. The Chinese side always implements the DPRK-related resolutions of the UN Security Council in a</p>

<sup>24</sup> "S. Korea says no meaningful inter-Korean contacts so far under Moon gov't", The Yonhap News, November 7, 2017,

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2017/11/07/32/0401000000AEN20171107006400315F.html>

<sup>25</sup> "Remarks by President Trump and President Xi of China in Joint Press Statement | Beijing, China", The White House, November 9, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/09/remarks-president-trump-and-president-xi-china-joint-press-statement>

<sup>26</sup> "Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying's Regular Press Conference", Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC, November 8, 2017,

[http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/xwfw\\_665399/s2510\\_665401/2511\\_665403/t1508790.shtml](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/t1508790.shtml)

comprehensive, strict and faithful manner and earnestly fulfills its due international obligations. As for the items explicitly prohibited in the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council, we act in accordance with them strictly. If there indeed exist some activities or actions that violate the stipulations in these resolutions, once confirmed, China will investigate and deal with them in strict accordance with the law. What is beyond doubt is China's resolve and sincerity in implementing these resolutions in a comprehensive and strict manner.”

November 7, 2017<sup>27</sup>

“China and the United States have shared interests in promoting the realization of the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and maintaining the peace and stability of the Peninsula. During the meeting between the two heads of state in Beijing, the two sides will have an in-depth and strategic exchange of views on major issues of common concern, including the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue. We are willing to maintain close communication and coordination with the United States on the basis of mutual respect and make unremitting efforts to promote the proper and peaceful settlement of the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue.”

November 6, 2017<sup>28</sup>

“The Chinese side is always encouraging the DPRK and the US to carry out direct dialogue and engagement. We believe that any form of dialogue and engagement between the DPRK and the US, the parties directly concerned on the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue, is conducive to increasing the understanding of each other's positions as well as mutual trust and pulling the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue back to the right track of seeking settlement through dialogue, consultation and negotiation.”

“We do not need anyone to tell us what we should do on the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue. For many years, the Chinese side has made

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<sup>27</sup> "Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying's Regular Press Conference", Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC, November 7, 2017, [http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/xwfw\\_665399/s2510\\_665401/t1508304.shtml](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/t1508304.shtml)

<sup>28</sup> "Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying's Regular Press Conference", Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC, November 6, 2017, [http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/xwfw\\_665399/s2510\\_665401/2511\\_665403/t1507940.shtml](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/t1507940.shtml)

	<p>relentless efforts to facilitate the peaceful settlement of the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue through political and diplomatic means and has always been steadfastly playing a constructive role in this direction.”</p>
<p>Russia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dmitry Peskov- Spokesman, The Kremlin</b></p> <p>November 9, 2017<sup>29</sup></p> <p>"President Putin has repeatedly pointed to the need for close cooperation of all parties concerned in the interests of resolving the North Korean crisis. In this regard, the call for cooperation and interaction to solve this problem voiced by the US president is at least in line with the consistent and well-known stance of our president."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sergey Lavrov - Foreign Minister</b></p> <p>November 8, 2017<sup>30</sup></p> <p>"We have voiced our stance on what is going on several time. We are convinced that the exchange of threats and even the exchange of insults, and these things have taken place from both sides, will bring no good."</p> <p>"There is the need to sit down and agree, there is the Russian-Chinese proposal."</p> <p>"We are convinced that there is no alternative to peaceful settlement."</p> <p>"Security issues on the Korean Peninsula should be tackled soberly rather than with the use of emotions, which are running high."</p> <p>"This game is too dangerous."</p>

<sup>29</sup> "Kremlin says Trump's call for cooperation on North Korea in line with Russia's stance", TASS, November 9, 2017, <http://tass.com/politics/974791>

<sup>30</sup> "Exchange of threats between US, North Korea will bring no good, Lavrov says", TASS, November 8, 2017, <http://tass.com/politics/974528><http://tass.com/politics/974528>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dmitry Peskov- Spokesman, Kremlin</b></p> <p>November 4, 2017<sup>31</sup></p> <p>“There is no cooperation so far (between Russia and USA). Only periodic exchanges of views.”</p>
Japan	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Itsunori Onodera - Defense Minister</b></p> <p>November 7, 2017<sup>32</sup></p> <p>The two leaders (Shinzo Abe and Donald Trump) affirmed that Japan and the United States stand wholly with each other with respect to the North Korea issue, shared the recognition that there will be no bright future for North Korea unless it makes a policy shift toward denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, and agreed that now is not the time to pursue dialogue but to apply the maximum level of pressure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yoshihide Suga- Chief Cabinet Secretary</b></p> <p>November 7, 2017<sup>33</sup></p> <p>“The North Korean missile and nuclear issue is a pressing threat unseen before. Its provocative actions, in which it has ignored the severe warnings of international society, are totally unacceptable.”</p>

<sup>31</sup> "Kremlin: no cooperation between Russia and U.S. on North Korea - RIA", The Reuters, November 4, 2017, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-us-presidents-northkorea/kremlin-no-cooperation-between-russia-and-u-s-on-north-korea-ria-idUSKBN1D4oKD>

<sup>32</sup> "Press Conference by Defense Minister Onodera", Ministry of Defense, Japan, November 7, 2017, <http://www.mod.go.jp/e/press/conference/2017/11/07.html>

<sup>33</sup> "Japan to impose additional sanctions on North Korea", The Reuters, November 7, 2017, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-missiles-japan-sanctions/japan-to-impose-additional-sanctions-on-north-korea-idUSKBN1D7o72>

**Shinzo Abe- Prime Minister**

**November 6, 2017<sup>34</sup>**

“There is no point in the dialogue for the sake of dialogue with North Korea. Now is the time not for dialogue but for applying maximum level of pressure on North Korea.”

“We completely agreed that, in order to make North Korea change their policy, Japan and U.S. must take leadership in closely collaborating with the international community so that we can enhance the pressure to the maximum level over North Korea through all possible means.”

“I agree with President Trump that we welcome China strengthening her pressure over North Korea, and it is incumbent upon China to play even greater roles to let North Korea relinquish their nuclear and missile development.”

**November 6, 2017<sup>35</sup>**

"Japan consistently supports the position of President Trump when he says that all options are on the table."

"Over the two days of talks, I once again strongly reaffirmed Japan and the U.S. are 100% together."

**November 6, 2017<sup>36</sup>**

On the issue of Japanese abductees Prime Minister Abe said,

“I want people in the entire world to know there are people who had

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<sup>34</sup> "Remarks by President Trump and Prime Minister Abe of Japan in Joint Press Conference | Tokyo, Japan", The White House, November 6, 2017, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/06/remarks-president-trump-and-prime-minister-abe-japan-joint-press>

<sup>35</sup> "Trump and Abe to coordinate pressure on North Korea", Nikkei Asia Review, November 6, 2017, <https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/Trump-s-Asian-visit/Trump-and-Abe-to-coordinate-pressure-on-North-Korea>

<sup>36</sup> "Trump pledges to help North Korea abductees return home", The Asahi Shimbun, November 6, 2017, <http://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/AJ201711060052.html>



	struggled for 40 years and have still been struggling by losing their loved ones. I will work hard to solve the problem in cooperation with President Trump and people across the world.”
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