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G7 NPDG Declaration on the Countering of Illicit and/or Destabilising Missile Activities

Introduction

1. We, the G7 non-proliferation directors (NPDG) are gravely concerned by increasingly destabilising missile trends that have been at the forefront of our discussions.
2. In 1987, the Missile Technology Control Regime was created by the G7. The Regime continues to be an effective and enduring contribution to stemming the proliferation of technologies related to missiles capable of delivering weapons of mass destruction. Nevertheless, over recent years we have witnessed a dangerous acceleration of the spread of sophisticated missile technologies: in 2016 and 2017 the DPRK repeatedly tested missiles with short, medium, intermediate and intercontinental ranges, in violation of UNSCRs, threatening regional and international security; Iran continued to advance its missile capabilities and took the deeply destabilising step of transferring missiles and related missile technologies, including those necessary for the development of missile production facilities, to non-state actors in the Middle East. The next decade's security could be profoundly destabilised by these trends.
3. Conscious of our specific responsibilities and of the necessity to lead by example, we support the following G7 NPDG Declaration on countering illicit and/or destabilising missile activities, and encourage similar commitments from other States:

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4. We reaffirm our commitment to the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), which is the foundation of the global non-proliferation architecture with respect to missile technology, and we call on states to observe the Guidelines of the Regime. We are committed to further increasing the effectiveness of the regime;
5. We express our support for the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC) and call for its universalisation, inviting those who have not yet subscribed to do so while recognising that the implementation of its confidence building measures, such as pre-launch notifications and annual declarations, does not serve as justification for ballistic missile programs or any related activities; we will work towards strengthening its effectiveness and the goal of full implementation;

6. We note with satisfaction that the Proliferation Security Initiative launched in 2003 is making an important contribution to countering destabilising flows of missiles, missile components, and related materials and technologies, and we call all states to join this initiative;

7. We commit to strictly implementing all relevant UN Security Council resolutions and we call on all UN Member States to fully implement all relevant UNSCRs;

8. We recognise that "ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons" as referred in UNSCR 2231 include MTCR Category I systems. By definition, MTCR Category I systems, which are those capable of delivering at least a 500 kilogram payload to a range of at least 300 kilometres, are inherently capable of delivering nuclear weapons;

9. We remain committed to the goal of achieving complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of all of the DPRK's weapons of mass destruction, ballistic missiles of all ranges, and other delivery systems as well as related programs and facilities in accordance with all relevant UNSCRs;

10. We are determined that any illicit and/or destabilizing transfer to state and non-state actors of missiles including those capable of carrying weapons of mass destruction or of related components, technologies, and materials will be met with a vigorous effort to stop and roll back such transfers and hold those responsible to account;

11. We encourage states to share information to further increase transparency and accountability and to counter missile proliferation activities through the use of the above mentioned mechanisms (*i.e.* MTCR, HCoC, PSI and UNSCRs) to this aim, with a view to reducing the regional and global threat;

12. We affirm our willingness to establish, among ourselves and with other interested partners, a dialogue dedicated to reviewing progress of the implementation of UNSC resolutions on missiles, including missile launches and transfers and to continue to urge all states to vigorously implement these resolutions;

13. As participants of the "G7 Initiative on Countering Illicit and/or Destabilising Missile Activities" we commit, within existing fora, to the following activities:

- Regular consultations among participants on illicit and/or destabilising missile proliferation activities and technological developments;
- Exchanges of information among participants on recent missile or space launch vehicle (SLV) launches that are inconsistent with or in violation of UNSC resolutions. Exchanges should aim to be held as swiftly as possible, whilst remaining in accordance with national procedures;
- Raising public awareness on the threat of illicit and/or destabilising missiles activities to regional and international security, including by providing information to relevant UN mechanisms (*i.e.* panels of experts);

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- Increasing whole of government efforts to counter the spread of short, medium, intermediate and intercontinental range missiles, ballistic missile technologies, including through the effective use of all relevant multilateral instruments;
- Pursuing determined diplomatic efforts to ensure implementation by states of UNSC restrictions, including the DPRK, Iran and others, and of their respective international obligations, including the immediate cessation of illicit and/or destabilising missile programmes or transfers of missiles, missile components, or missile technologies;
- Engaging among G7 to share information, including open-source information, on illicit and/or destabilising missile activities, in accordance with national requirements and laws;
- Promoting adherence to MTCR guidelines and subscription to the HCoC; and
- Cooperating to help build our partners' capability to implement relevant UNSC resolutions and pursue cooperative activities to counter illicit and/or or destabilising missile activities.