

**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine  
at the IAEA Board of Governors meeting**

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*(agenda item 7c "Application of safeguards in the DPRK")*

**Mr Chairman,**

Much to our regret recent ballistic missile provocations of the DPRK and conduct nuclear tests by this state in 2006, 2009, 2013, 2014 and 2016 **continue to be a grave threat** to the international non-proliferation regime and international peace, security and stability.

My delegation believes that the ongoing provocations of Pyongyang **require more effective and decisive reaction and supports all needed leverage to return the DPRK to the tenets of international law.**

In its statement at the First session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 NPT Review Conference **the Delegation of Ukraine repeated the call upon the DPRK to abandon all its existing nuclear and ballistic missile programmes**, re-engage constructively and without preconditions with the international community and in particular the participants of the Six-Party Talks mechanism by taking meaningful steps towards denuclearization in order to work together towards lasting peace and security on a nuclear-free Korean peninsula.

As a country that had voluntarily dismantled its own nuclear arsenal and has been strictly abiding by its obligations regarding non-proliferation of nuclear materials, technologies and their means of delivery, **Ukraine will continue to work closely with our partners to address this issue.**

Taking into account the blatant nature of this challenge to the global non-proliferation regime, **Ukraine requests the Director General to continue informing the Board of Governors on this issue and to maintain this agenda item in further Board's meetings.**

**Thank you, Mr Chairman.**