

**Joint Statement on North Korea  
by Prime Minister Abe and Prime Minister May**

North Korea's recent ballistic missile launch on August 29, which passed over Japan, was an outrageous provocation and posed an unprecedented, serious and grave threat to Japan's national security. Japan and the United Kingdom condemn North Korea in the strongest terms possible for this reckless act, which was a clear violation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

In response to this illegal action, Japan and the United Kingdom agree to work together to counter this threat, and to work with others in the international community to strengthen pressure against North Korea, including by increasing the pace of sanctions implementation and working towards the adoption of a new and effective resolution at the UNSC.

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