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BOTSWANA CONDEMNS INTER-CONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE TEST BY NORTH KOREA

Gaborone, 31 July 2017: The Government of the Republic of Botswana reiterates its strong condemnation of the rogue state of North Korea for carrying out yet another Inter-continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) test. There is no doubt that North Korea is receiving external assistance to develop this technology, which poses a major threat to international peace and security.

In this regard, the Government of Botswana supports the deployment of an American anti-missile defence system in South Korea and elsewhere in the region as a counter measure for any future threats of a missile strike against South Korea, Japan or the United States of America.

Botswana wishes to appeal to all members of the International Community to exert pressure on North Korea to conduct itself in a manner that contributes to durable peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

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