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## **PRESS RELEASE - NORTH KOREA**

**Gaborone, 03 May 2017:** The Government of Botswana, once again, strongly condemns the rogue state of North Korea for its latest statement, which demonstrates the regime's determination to accelerate its ambitions for a nuclear programme.

It is our hope that with the international community's concerted efforts, a lasting solution to the prolonged security threats posed by North Korea's provocative actions in the Korean Peninsula, would be found sooner than later.

Botswana considers the recent interventions taken by neighbouring countries, in particular South Korea with the deployment of an American anti-missile defence system to counter threats by North Korea to be appropriate and justifiable.

We therefore, once again, appeal to all members of the International Community to exert pressure on North Korea to conduct itself in a manner that contributes to peace and stability.

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