

**Remarks by the Executive Secretary on
Announced Nuclear Test by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
at the meeting of the Commission on 9 September 2016
*as delivered***

Mr Chairman, Excellencies, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

1. Today at 0.030 UTC, our verification system detected an unusual seismic event of magnitude close to 5. This was followed by an announcement by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that it had conducted another nuclear test.
2. We will share with you the details of our findings very shortly.
3. But, let me take this opportunity to express my deep concerns over the announced nuclear tests by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
4. Such actions clearly violate the established international norm against nuclear tests. They also present serious risks to the international peace and security.
5. I call on the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to refrain from further tests and consider ratifying the Treaty. As I have mentioned on previous occasions, we are ready to enter into negotiations with the DPRK on CTBT related issues.
6. I should also note that today's event serves as a wake-up call for urgent action to advance the entry into force of the Treaty. This leaves no excuse for further delays in ratification of the Treaty by the remaining States. It also highlights the importance of testing and validation of our verification regime.