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At its meeting on 10 December 2012, the Council adopted the Council conclusions set out in the Annex to this note.

**Council conclusions
on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)**

1. The Council expressed deep concern about the DPRK's declared intent to launch a "working satellite", between 10 and 22 December. Regardless of its stated purpose, such a launch will have to use ballistic missile technology, representing another clear violation of the DPRK's international obligations as set out in particular under UN Security Council Resolutions 1695, 1718 and 1874, and directly contravening the international community's unified call not to conduct such launches.
2. The EU would consider such a launch a provocative act, jeopardizing diplomatic efforts in the pursuit of lasting peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and the broader region. It would merit a clear international response, in conjunction with UN Security Council deliberations, including possible restrictive measures.
3. Therefore the Council strongly urged the DPRK not to conduct the declared launch and to comply fully with its international obligations. The EU calls upon the DPRK to re-engage constructively with the international community on the nuclear issue in order to work towards lasting peace and security on the Korean peninsula.
