

Readout of U.S.-Republic of Korea-Japan Trilateral Video-Teleconference

The United States, the Republic of Korea (ROK), and Japan held a trilateral secure video-teleconference on March 7 (EST) to share information regarding the North Korean missile launches conducted on March 5 (EST) and to coordinate responses.

David Helvey, performing the duties of assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific security affairs, U.S. Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Wee Seung Ho, deputy minister of defense policy, ROK Ministry of National Defense; and Satoshi Maeda, director general for defense policy, Japan Ministry of Defense, led their respective interagency delegations.

The representatives strongly condemned North Korea's actions as a clear and flagrant violation of multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions. The officials emphasized that North Korea's unlawful ballistic missile programs pose a serious threat to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia. The three officials committed to further deepening trilateral cooperation and coordination in response to these and other North Korean threats.

The United States reaffirmed its ironclad security commitments to the ROK and Japan. The participants from all three countries committed to working closely together and with the international community to address North Korea's provocative actions.