

Press release: Foreign Office Minister welcomes tougher sanctions on North Korea

The UN resolution strengthens sanctions against North Korea following their recent ballistic missile tests.

On 5 August all UN Security Council members agreed the new UN resolution (UNSCR 2371). This will bring in new measures against North Korea, including restricting its access to the international financial system, capping the number of its overseas workers, and banning its exports of coal, iron, iron ore, seafood and lead.

The Foreign Office Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the United Nations, Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, said:

The UK and our international partners are united in opposing and standing firm against the threat posed by North Korea. This resolution will cut the resources that North Korea is abusing to fund its reckless and illegal pursuit of nuclear and ballistic missile programmes.

North Korea has chosen this extremely dangerous and destabilising path. The regime is prioritising the pursuit of these weapons over and above its people, peace and stability in the region. The North Korean regime needs to change its course immediately and the UK calls on all countries to implement these new measures fully and robustly.

Further information