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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the situation on the Korean Peninsula**

“The recent incursion by a North Korean submarine into South Korean waters constitutes a new and serious violation of the 1953 Armistice Agreement.

The European Union condemns this action and urges the authorities in Pyongyang once again to cease all activities which could result in a further increase in the tension on the Korean Peninsula and to abide by the terms of the Armistice Agreement.

The European Union recalls its support for the holding of talks on the basis of the four party proposal as the way to promote peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.”