

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

Kelly Magsamen, performing the duties of assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs; Republic of Korea Deputy Minister of National Defense for Policy Yoo Jeh-seung; and Japan Director General for Defense Policy Satoshi Maeda co-chaired a trilateral interagency video conference to share information and coordinate policy among the three countries regarding the North Korean nuclear test conducted on Sept. 8.

The three sides strongly condemn this destabilizing provocation, which seriously threatens international peace and security, and call on North Korea once again to abide by its international obligations and commitments.

This latest test – the second this year and yet another flagrant violation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions – follows an unprecedented campaign of ballistic missile launches, which are also forbidden under numerous UN Security Council Resolutions.

All three countries emphasized that these provocations only serve to increase the international community's resolve to counter North Korea's prohibited activities, including through strengthening the implementation of existing UN Security Council sanctions and exploring new actions to impose additional consequences on North Korea.

The United States reaffirms its unwavering and ironclad alliance commitments to defend the Republic of Korea and Japan, and emphasizes that U.S. extended deterrence commitments are guaranteed by the full spectrum of U.S. military capabilities, including conventional, nuclear, and missile defense capabilities.

The United States, the ROK, and Japan will continue to work closely with one another, as well as with the international community, to address North Korea's actions.