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### Mayor's Comment

Today, we learned that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has launched a missile carrying what it calls a "satellite."

These repeated acts by the DPRK are completely unacceptable as they violate UN Security Council resolutions and stand in opposition to the international community's united efforts for global peace and stability.

I am outraged at this deed of violence especially as it demonstrates flagrant disregard for our city's call last month for the DPRK to engage in diplomatic efforts through dialogue and collaboration after its hydrogen bomb test.

I once again demand in the strongest possible terms for the DPRK to immediately desist in provocative acts that callously trample on our *hibakusha*'s ardent wish for peace, which was born from their suffering and deep sorrow, and to engage in diplomatic efforts through dialogue and collaboration with global society.

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