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**FOLLOWING ROCKET LAUNCH FAILURE, SECRETARY-GENERAL URGES DEMOCRATIC
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REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO AVOID FURTHER 'PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS'

The following statement was issued on 13 April by the Spokesperson for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

Despite its failure, the launch of a so-called "application satellite" by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 13 April 2012 is deplorable as it defies the firm and unanimous stance of the international community. The launch is in direct violation of Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) and threatens regional stability.

The Secretary-General urges the Democratic People's Republic of Korea not to undertake any further provocative actions that will heighten tension in the region.

The Secretary-General renews his call on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea authorities to work towards building confidence with neighbouring countries and improving the life of its people. As the Secretary-General of the United Nations, he reaffirms his commitment to working for peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and helping the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in particular, by addressing the serious food and nutrition needs of the most vulnerable.

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