

U.S.-Republic of Korea-Japan Trilateral Video Teleconference

The United States, the Republic of Korea (ROK), and Japan held a trilateral secure video-teleconference on May 15 (EDT) to share information regarding the North Korean missile launch conducted on May 13 (EDT) and to coordinate responses.

Chris Johnstone, acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for East Asia and Brig. Gen. Park Cheol Kyun, ROK deputy director general for international policy, and Koji Kano, Japan director for defense policy, led their respective interagency delegations.

The representatives of the United States, the ROK, and Japan strongly condemned the North Korean missile launch as a clear and flagrant violation of multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions. The officials emphasized that North Korea's ballistic missile programs pose an unacceptable threat to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia.

The United States reaffirmed its ironclad security commitments to the ROK and Japan. The three sides resolved to bolster trilateral cooperation and coordination to enhance regional security and stability.