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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - EU action to maintain peace and security in the context of the North Korean nuclear tests

The last few months have seen a sharp rise in tension between the US and North Korea over the North Korean regime's successive nuclear and ballistic missile tests. In response to Pyongyang's actions, President Trump has said that the US does not rule out a military solution in North Korea.

The UN Security Council adopted a unanimous resolution imposing further sanctions against North Korea. The new restrictions include a cap on oil supplies and a complete embargo on the supply of natural gas to North Korea, as well as a ban on exports of North Korean textiles. This is the ninth Security Council resolution imposing sanctions on North Korea over its nuclear programme. Unfortunately, despite the sanctions applied against it, the North Korean regime is continuing to work on its nuclear programme.

In view of the worrying signals coming from North Korea, could the Vice-President / High Representative say what action the EU is taking to maintain international peace and ensure the safety of its citizens?