**Andi Cristea (S&D).** – Madam President, as many colleagues have underlined, with its latest decision, the UN Security Council has voted with unanimity for the strongest sanctions ever imposed on North Korea. I will focus on three elements, which I believe are of even higher relevance than the sanctions themselves.

Firstly, the decision and unanimity reached in New York is even more important than the content of the decision. It is in itself a win for diplomatic multilateral efforts and international unity in the face of the North Korean threat. Secondly, the latest efforts showed that the military option is not and should not be on the table and that there is international commitment to find a peaceful collective solution. Thirdly, we are facing not a regional but a global threat – an immediate threat not only for Asia, but also for Europe – and this is why I am happy that the EU and the High Representative is fully engaged in this process.