

Statement by the Chair

Mr. Wu Dawei, head of the Chinese Delegation to the Six Party Talks

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On the afternoon of 26th June, 2008, Mr. Wu Dawei, head of the Chinese delegation to the Six-Party Talks and Vice Foreign Minister, released the Statement by the Chair of the Six-Party Talks. The full text is as follows:

The Six-Party Talks Has Made Positive Progress

The Six-Party Talks has made positive progress in the second-phase actions for the implementation of the Joint Statement thanks to the concerted efforts by all the Parties.

In the spirit of the October 3, 2007 Six Party agreement, on June 26, 2008, the DPRK will submit its nuclear declaration to the Chair of the Six-Party Talks, and the United States will implement its obligations to remove the designation of the DPRK as a state sponsor of terrorism and to terminate application of the Trading with the Enemy Act.

The Parties agreed that the declaration will be subject to verification and there is agreement within the Parties on a set of principles to guide the establishment of a verification regime.

The Parties agreed to establish a Monitoring Mechanism to cover all parties' obligations in the Six-Party Talks, including nonproliferation and economic and energy assistance.

The Parties reaffirm the September 19, 2005 Joint Statement goal to realize verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

We believe that the above-mentioned developments will be conducive to implementing the second-phase actions in a comprehensive and balanced manner, and the final realization of all the goals in the September 19, 2005 Joint Statement.

Mr. Choe Jin Su, the DPRK Ambassador to China, submitted the nuclear declaration to Mr. Wu Dawei on the same day.

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