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Statement of the SND on the planned North Korea missile launch

While we believe that the threat of a missile launch by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) is not directed at the Philippine archipelago, the Department of National Defense is closely monitoring the situation in the region.

We are treating this more as a civil defense rather than a military issue. Our Office of Civil Defense (OCD) is on standby and prepared to address any untoward incident that may occur in the aftermath of such a missile launch. As we have done in the past, we have directed OCD to coordinate with the AFP in determining the areas that will potentially, although remotely, be affected. It may also issue no-sail-zone advisories to coastal areas and alert advisories to local government agencies to step up preparedness of local communities in case the debris of a missile launch reaches the Philippines.

Be that as it may, we call on all countries involved to exercise sobriety and refrain from actions that may escalate tensions not only in the Korean Peninsula, but the rest of the Asia-Pacific region as well.

Sa ating mga kababayan, huwag po tayong mangamba. Ang palagi naming sinasabi ay maging alerto lang po tayo at ipagbigay alam sa mga kinauukulan kung may mapansin man kayong hindi karaniwan sa inyong lugar. Hintayin lang po natin ang mga anunsyo at updates mula sa mga naatasang ahensya ng pamalahaan.

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