

## **NSG Chairman's Statement on DPRK Vienna, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

- In reaction to the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006 announcement by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) of a nuclear test, the Chair of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), at the occasion of the NSG Consultative Group meeting, in Vienna:
- Expresses deep regret and grave concern over the announcement by the DPRK of a nuclear test and notes the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 1695 (2006), which states that proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as their means of delivery constitutes a threat to international peace and security. He also notes the UNSC Presidential Statement of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2006 and the Joint Statement of the Six Party-Talks of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005 on this issue;
- Expresses support to the Six Party-Talks and calls for their early resumption with a view to achieving the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner and to maintaining peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in northeast Asia. He also urges the DPRK to comply with the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards obligations;
- Reiterates the call from the Press Statement issued by the 2003 Busan Plenary Meeting for all States to exercise extreme vigilance to ensure that none of their exports of goods and technologies contribute to North Korea's nuclear weapons effort;
- Finally, stands ready to take up in the NSG any request for assistance by the UN Security Council and will continue consultations on this issue.