CONTINUATION OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO NORTH KOREA

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

NOTIFICATION THAT THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY, WITH RESPECT TO NORTH KOREA, ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13466 OF JUNE 26, 2008, AS AMENDED, IS TO CONTINUE IN EFFECT BEYOND JUNE 26, 2016, PURSUANT TO 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); PUBLIC LAW 94–412, SEC. 202(d); (90 STAT. 1257)

JUNE 22, 2016.—Message and accompanying papers referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed
To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, expanded in scope in Executive Order 13551 of August 30, 2010, addressed further in Executive Order 13570 of April 18, 2011, further expanded in scope in Executive Order 13687 of January 2, 2015, and under which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13722 of March 15, 2016, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2016.

The existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula; the actions and policies of the Government of North Korea that destabilize the Korean Peninsula and imperil U.S. Armed Forces, allies, and trading partners in the region, including its pursuit of nuclear and missile programs; and other provocative, destabilizing, and repressive actions and policies of the Government of North Korea, continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to North Korea.

BARACK OBAMA.

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On June 26, 2008, by Executive Order 13466, the President declared a national emergency with respect to North Korea pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706) to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula. The President also found that it was necessary to maintain certain restrictions with respect to North Korea that would otherwise have been lifted pursuant to Proclamation 8271 of June 26, 2008, which terminated the exercise of authorities under the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. App. 1–44) with respect to North Korea.

On August 30, 2010, I signed Executive Order 13551, which expanded the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13466 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by the continued actions and policies of the Government of North Korea, manifested by its unprovoked attack that resulted in the sinking of the Republic of Korea Navy ship Cheonan and the deaths of 46 sailors in March 2010; its announced test of a nuclear device and its missile launches in 2009; its actions in violation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1718 and 1874, including the procurement of luxury goods; and its illicit and deceptive activities in international markets through which it obtains financial and other support, including money laundering, the counterfeiting of goods and currency, bulk cash smuggling, and narcotics trafficking, which destabilize the Korean Peninsula and imperil U.S. Armed Forces, allies, and trading partners in the region.

On April 18, 2011, I signed Executive Order 13570 to take additional steps to address the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13466 and expanded in Executive Order 13551 that will ensure the implementation of the import restrictions contained in United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1718 and 1874 and complement the import restrictions provided for in the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.).

On January 2, 2015, I signed Executive Order 13687 to take further steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13466, as expanded in Executive Order 13551, and addressed further in Executive Order 13570, to address the threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the provocative, destabilizing, and repressive
actions and policies of the Government of North Korea, including
its destructive, coercive cyber-related actions during November and
December 2014, actions in violation of United Nations Security
Council Resolutions 1718, 1874, 2087, and 2094, and commission of
serious human rights abuses.

On March 15, 2016, I signed Executive Order 13722 to take addi-
tional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Ex-
ecutive Order 13466, as modified in scope and relied upon for addi-
tional steps in subsequent Executive Orders, to address the Gov-
ernment of North Korea's continuing pursuit of its nuclear and
missile programs, as evidenced by its February 7, 2016, launch
using ballistic missile technology and its January 6, 2016, nuclear
test in violation of its obligations pursuant to numerous United Na-
tions Security Council Resolutions and in contravention of its com-
mitments under the September 19, 2005, Joint Statement of the
Six-Party Talks, that increasingly imperils the United States and
its allies. Executive Order 13722 also implements certain multilat-
eral sanctions imposed under United Nations Security Council Res-
olution 2270.

The existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile
material on the Korean Peninsula and the actions and policies of
the Government of North Korea continue to pose an unusual and
extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and
economy of the United States. For this reason, the national emer-
gency declared in Executive Order 13466, expanded in scope in Ex-
ecutive Order 13551, addressed further in Executive Order 13570,
further expanded in scope in Executive Order 13687, and under
which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13722 of
March 15, 2016, and the measures taken to deal with that national
emergency, must continue in effect beyond June 26, 2016. There-
fore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies
Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year the national
emergency with respect to North Korea declared in Executive
Order 13466.

This notice shall be published in the Federal Register and trans-
mittted to the Congress.

BARACK OBAMA.