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Although France believes strongly in nuclear energy and the that all other countries should have this energy source, they feel as though North Korea is posing a threat internationally as well as the fact that France believes very strongly in the Non-Proliferation Treaty of Nuclear Weapons.

The nuclear issue in North Korea has been a pressing matter for many years; it is an ongoing discussion of whether they have the right to build nuclear weapons. North Korea is constantly threatening both the United States and its neighboring countries, which is creating a lot of tension internationally due to the growing arsenal of the country. The article “North Korea” on the website FRANCE ONU states, “France urges North Korea to discontinue provocations and to refrain from any further action that may increase tension in the region”. (North) The ongoing threats could likely lead to a severe occurrence, one that could potentially lead to millions of lives lost and years of damaging aftermath, if something isn’t done immediately. The following is paraphrased from the article "Profile for France | NTI", the purpose of the Nonproliferation Treaty is to keep international peace by using the “Three Pillars” to eliminate this issue: disarmament of nuclear weapons, nonproliferation, and peaceful use of nuclear energy. (Profile) If nuclear weapons were to be removed from North Korea, it may not

remove the danger completely, but the world would be a safer place, and immediate threat would be removed. Since France is the leading country in the world with nuclear energy, generating around 75% of its power from nuclear energy, France strongly agrees with the third part of the three pillars; peaceful use of nuclear energy. In order for this problem to be solved, a solution needs to be found that will meet in the middle, not taking away all nuclear energy, but removing the threat of North Korea's weapons. In order for this treaty to be effective, action needs to be taken on North Korea or else something very fatal could happen.

In order for the ongoing issue of nuclear weapons in North Korea to be solved, rules must be placed as well as sanctions made. The best solution, as France believes, is to use military force to ultimately remove the nuclear weapons from North Korea. For this to be successful, all nuclear weapons need to be removed, and force will have to be used if necessary due to the fact that this is beginning to become an international issue. As stated in a previous resolution, found on the United Nations Security Council website, Resolution 2094 states: "Reaffirming that proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery, constitutes a threat to international peace and security". (United) These resolutions continue to be written, France believes that they need to be enforced stronger. Since North Korea obviously isn't listening to these resolutions, action needs to be taken and the weapons removed or else this weapon may never be solved. Sanctions that would be placed on North Korea if they don't go along with the removal of these weapons could include putting a stop to trade with other countries, and banning of weapons as well as luxury goods. As reassured in the article "Japan, France Agree That N Korea Must Not Be Allowed to Have Nuclear Weapons", the bigger North

Korea's arsenal gets, the bigger the threat they pose to everyone as an international community.

(Japan) If the United Nations were to conduct a peacekeeping mission in North Korea using military force, it would be the beginning to solving this pressing issue, as well as create more peace and safety in the community. If this resolution is not adhered to, then only the sanctions could be used as sort of threats to North Korea, proving that the UN is not going to give up on this matter.

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