



U.S. Remarks (THAAD Announcement)

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Lt. Gen. Thomas Vandal (Chief of Staff, U.S. Forces Korea):

Thank you Deputy Defense Minister Yoo. I want to associate myself with your remarks and once again affirm the United States' strong support of this important decision.

To repeat, this was an alliance decision recommended by CFC [Combined Forces Command] Commander, General Scaparrotti.

We also have seen growing support, voiced in the ROK [Republic of Korea], on the issue of THAAD [Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense] recently.

To that end, it is time to move forward on this issue and we look forward to close consultation and coordination on THAAD - as well as dealing with the threats to peace and stability posed by the DPRK [Democratic People's Republic of Korea].

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