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'The increasing tensions and threat of military conflict over North Korea's nuclear and missile capabilities makes a diplomatic solution of vital importance and highest priority ,' according to Alyn Ware, Global Coordinator for Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament (PNND).

'The risk of war, and even the use of nuclear weapons by miscalculation or accident, is increasing. It won't be quelled by threats and counter threats from North Korea, USA, Japan, or South Korea .'

'Legislators from the United States, Japan, South Korea and around the world recognise this threat and are responding with various calls for diplomacy and proposals for diplomatic solutions. '

64 members of US Congress call for diplomacy

In the United States, 64 members of the US House of Representatives have endorsed a letter to President Trump led by PNND members John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), Barbara Lee (D-CA), and Congressman Jim McGovern, reminding the President that military strikes without Congressional approval would violate the Constitution, and urging him to follow a diplomatic approach.

The 64 signers represent the 64 years since the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed, putting a halt to the fighting but not officially ending the Korean War or resolving the underlying conflicts.

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