**UN Doesn’t Explicitly Blame North Korea for Warship Sinking**

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July 9 (Bloomberg) -- A United Nations Security Council statement adopted today doesn’t explicitly blame North Korea for the March sinking of a South Korean warship that killed 46 sailors.

“The Security Council condemns the attack which led to the sinking of the Cheonan,” the unanimously adopted statement says. It “takes note” of North Korea’s denial of involvement in the March 26 incident.

A multinational investigation reported on June 14 that a North Korean-made torpedo caused the sinking. The draft says that, “in view of the findings” of the probe, the Security Council “expresses its deep concern” about the finding of North Korean complicity.

Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the UN, yesterday said the statement was a “very clear and appropriate response.” She said adoption of the statement would “send a unified message that the Security Council condemns the attack.”

The statement also says the incident “endangers peace and security in the region” and urges “appropriate and peaceful measures to be taken against those responsible for the incident.”

The permanent members of the Security Council -- Britain, China, France, Russia and the U.S. -- agreed yesterday on the text following more than a month of negotiations that also included Japan and South Korea.