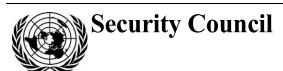
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Letter dated 22 March 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), in which the Security Council decided that all Member States should provide a midterm report on all nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea earning income in a Member State's jurisdiction that were repatriated over the 12-month period starting from the date of adoption of the resolution. In this respect, I also have the honour to submit to the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) the midterm report of the Government of the Republic of Korea (see annex).





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Report of the Republic of Korea on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017)

In paragraph 8 of its resolution 2397 (2017), the Security Council decided that all Member States should provide a midterm report, by 15 months from the date of adoption of the resolution, of all nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea earning income in a Member State's jurisdiction that were repatriated over the 12-month period starting from the date of adoption of the resolution, including an explanation of why less than half of such nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were repatriated by the end of that 12 month period, if applicable, and that all Member States should provide final reports by 27 months from the date of adoption of the resolution.

Under the relevant laws and regulations, including the Inter-Korean Exchange and Cooperation Act, the Ministry of Unification has the authority to permit nationals of the Republic of Korea to hire workers from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. At the time of adoption of resolution 2397 (2017) on 22 December 2017, no workers from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were hired in the Republic of Korea and, since then, no authorization has been granted for nationals of the Republic of Korea to hire new workers from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Accordingly, no nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have been repatriated pursuant to paragraph 8 of resolution 2397 since its adoption on 22 December 2017.

The Government of the Republic of Korea will continue to exert all efforts to fully implement Security Council sanctions resolutions.

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