



# Security Council

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## Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1718 \(2006\)](#)

### **Note verbale dated 25 March 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee**

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1718 \(2006\)](#) and has the honour to transmit to the Committee the following information concerning the implementation of the measures contained in paragraph 8 of resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#) (see annex).



**Annex to the note verbale dated 25 March 2020 from the  
Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations  
addressed to the Chair of the Committee**

**Report of Switzerland on the implementation of paragraph 8 of  
Security Council resolution 2397 (2017)**

1. In Switzerland, the Ordinance of 18 May 2016 instituting measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (RS 946.231.127.6) provides for the implementation of resolution 1718 (2006) and subsequent Security Council resolutions.
2. Paragraph 8 of resolution 2397 (2017) is implemented by article 2 (b) of the Ordinance. Subparagraph 1 thereof stipulates that "the competent authorities shall revoke forthwith permits granted to nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea earning income under the law on foreign nationals". Pursuant to subparagraph 2, "the State Secretariat for Migration may, after consultation with the competent services of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, grant exemptions to the measure contained in subparagraph 1 when revocation of the permit under the law on foreign nationals is not compatible with national legislation or international law".
3. According to the information available to the competent Swiss authorities, there are no government safety oversight attachés of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea present in Switzerland.
4. A study of work permits, visas and residence permits showed that, at the time of adoption of resolution 2397 (2017), only six nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were earning income in Swiss territory and were affected by paragraph 8 of resolution 2397 (2017).
5. The residence permits of three of those persons were not renewed. They left Switzerland upon the expiration of their permits in 2018.
6. Two of the other nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Switzerland have refugee status, meaning that their deportation would be a violation of Swiss and international law.
7. The sixth national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is the country's representative to the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), an umbrella organization based in Lausanne comprising all national Olympic committees recognized by the International Olympic Committee.
8. The primary purpose of this person's activities within ANOC is to represent the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, not to earn income. Moreover, the income is rather modest and supports a family of four.
9. Swiss law on foreign nationals provides that the competent authorities shall take the public interest into account when exercising their discretionary powers. Consequently, the work permit of the representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to ANOC has not been revoked.
10. Switzerland reiterates its firm commitment to the implementation of all restrictive measures taken against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by the Security Council.