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Note verbale dated 31 October 2019 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Sweden 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 herewith the implementation report of Sweden on the status of nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea earning income in Sweden and of all government safety oversight attachés monitoring such workers abroad, as applicable, as required by the Security Council in paragraph 8 of its resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#) (see annex).



Annex to the note verbale dated 31 October 2019 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

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

Sweden and the other States members of the European Union have jointly implemented the restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea provided for in paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) by adopting Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/293 of 26 February 2018, amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.¹

The Council Decision sets out the commitment of the European Union to the implementation of the measures contained in Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), inter alia through the obligation to repatriate to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea all nationals of that country earning income in the jurisdiction of a member State and all government safety oversight attachés of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea monitoring its workers abroad immediately, but by no later than 21 December 2019, unless certain exceptions apply, subject to applicable national and international law.

To give effect to the Decision, Sweden has reviewed the relevant data and information available both to the authorities responsible for issuing visas to nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and to the authorities responsible for registering foreigners in Sweden. Sweden would like to confirm the following information, valid through 16 October 2019:

- During the past five years, Swedish authorities have not issued any residence permits for work to nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. According to current legislation, Swedish residence permits for work are valid for a maximum of two plus two years.
- As Sweden has no registered nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with valid work permits, there are no known cases of legal obligations for any such individuals to leave Sweden.
- Based on a review of the relevant data available to the Government of Sweden, up to eight nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were registered as foreigners resident in Sweden in 2018. The actual number of such nationals registered and still resident in Sweden may be lower, since foreigners leaving Sweden without informing the competent authorities still appear in the registries until any such departures come to the attention of the competent authorities. It should also be noted that a majority of these nationals have been granted asylum in accordance with international conventions and that enforcement measures related to obligations to leave are permissible only in line with national and international law, with relevant human rights provisions. Therefore, as of 16 October 2019, no nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea had been identified whose repatriation to their country was permissible, subject to applicable national and international law.
- As per the information available to the competent authorities, there are no government safety oversight attachés of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or workers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea under the

¹ All common measures are published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

control of such government safety oversight attachés or similar institutions of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea present in Sweden.

- Sweden will complete its review of nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea resident in Sweden under paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#) by the deadline stipulated in that resolution and submit its final report to the Council in due course.
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