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Note verbale dated 21 March 2019 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of France 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 him, in accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#), the report of France on the implementation of that resolution (see annex).



**Annex to the note verbale dated 21 March 2019 from the
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to the Chair of the Committee**

**Report of France on the implementation of Security Council
resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#)**

Introduction

This report has been prepared by France pursuant to paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#), of 22 December 2017.

In its resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#), the Security Council acknowledged that the revenue generated by overseas workers from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea contributes to the country's nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programmes, which have been prohibited by the Security Council. The Council expressed concern that nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea continue to work in other States for the purpose of generating foreign export earnings that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea uses to support these programmes, despite the adoption of paragraph 17 of Security Council resolution [2375 \(2017\)](#), of 11 September 2017.

Therefore, the Security Council decided that Member States should repatriate to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea all nationals of that country earning income in a Member State's jurisdiction and all government safety oversight attachés from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea monitoring workers abroad from that country immediately but no later than 24 months from the date of adoption of resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#), unless the Member State determined that a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was a national of that Member State or a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea whose repatriation was prohibited, subject to applicable national and international law, including international refugee law and international human rights law, and the United Nations Headquarters Agreement and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

The Security Council further decided that Member States should provide:

- (a) A midterm report by 15 months from the date of adoption of resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#), on 22 December 2017, of all nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea earning income in that Member State's jurisdiction that were repatriated over the 12-month period starting from 22 December 2017, including an explanation of why less than half of such nationals were repatriated by the end of that 12-month period if applicable;
- (b) A final report by 27 months from the date of adoption of resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#).

Methodology and applicable legal or administrative framework

To meet this requirement, the Government of France has consulted the authorities responsible for issuing work permits, visas and residence permits. This has included examining visa and entry exit records for the period 2017–2018.

All nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea seeking to enter French territory for employment purposes are required to apply for a visa in advance. The length and category of visa issued will depend on the type of employment, and the eligibility requirements are set out in the Code governing the entry and residence of foreign nationals and the right of asylum. All visa applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, subject to additional checks as required.

Reporting data for France

There are two categories of visa and residence permit to be examined under the terms of paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#): residence permits and visas issued for economic reasons and residence permits and visas issued for studies. Having examined the five records for these visa types, France has determined that no national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea earning income within the meaning of paragraph 8 of resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#) holds a work permit that is valid in France as at 1 January 2019. As a result, no repatriation measures have been imposed. In 2019, France will continue to ensure compliance with the provisions of resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#) on foreign workers.

France will continue to fulfil all its obligations under the Security Council resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The obligation to repatriate set out in paragraph 8 of resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#) applies to all Member States for expatriate workers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. France stands ready to work, both at the national level and through the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1718 \(2006\)](#), with any State that needs support to implement its obligations.
