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Note verbale dated 18 March 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Estonia to the United Nations has the honour to submit a final national report with regard to paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) (see annex).





Annex to the note verbale dated 18 March 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

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

According to paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), Member States are required to repatriate to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea all nationals of that country earning income in that 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 the resolution, 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 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. All Member States are required to provide final reports by 27 months from the date of adoption of the resolution, therefore no later than by 22 March 2020.

With regard to the above-mentioned obligation and further to the report submitted on 5 June 2018 by Estonia on the implementation of the restrictive measures imposed by the Security Council in its resolution 2397 (2017) (S/AC.49/2018/85), Estonia hereby informs the Committee that its competent national authority, the Police and Border Guard Board, has not issued any residence permits or temporary employment permits to nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In order to meet the requirements deriving from paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), Estonian legislation has been amended. According to paragraph 118 (5) of the Aliens Act, employment is one of the reasons for issuing a temporary residence permit. Paragraph 123 of the Aliens Act, which stipulates the general basis for refusal to issue a temporary residence permit, was amended on 19 March 2019¹ to include the provision that the issuance of a temporary residence permit shall be refused if it is prescribed by an international sanction or by legislation imposing a sanction of the Government of Estonia.

¹ *Riigi Teataja*, RT I, 19 March 2019, 83 (latest English translation available at www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/ee/502122019003/consolide/current).