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## Note verbale dated 3 April 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations has the honour to transmit Australia's final report on the implementation of paragraph 8 of resolution 2397 (2017) (see annex).





## Annex to the note verbale dated 3 April 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

## **Report of Australia on the implementation of Security Council** resolution 2397 (2017)

In paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), adopted on 22 December 2017, the Council expressed concern that nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea continued to work in other States for the purpose of generating foreign export earnings that the country used to support its prohibited nuclear and ballistic missile programmes despite the adoption of paragraph 17 of resolution 2375 (2017), decided that Member States should 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 monitoring workers abroad from that country immediately but no later than 24 months from the date of the 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, and further 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 that Member State's jurisdiction who 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 were repatriated by the end of that 12-month period, if applicable, and all Member States should provide final reports by 27 months from the date of adoption of the resolution.

Australia refers to the midterm report it provided to the Committee on 18 March 2019 and advises that Australian authorities have continued to comply with paragraph 8 of resolution 2397 (2017). All nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea seeking to enter Australia, for employment purposes or otherwise, are required to apply for a visa in advance. Having examined visa records, Australia confirms that no visa was granted to a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea who falls within the scope of paragraph 8 of resolution 2397 (2017) since Australia transmitted its midterm report to the Committee on 18 March 2019. Therefore, Australia confirms the information conveyed in its midterm report that there have been no persons within its jurisdiction covered by paragraph 8 of resolution 2397 (2017). Accordingly, Australia has not repatriated any national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea since the adoption of resolution 2397 (2017) in December 2017.

Australian authorities, through the application of strict restrictions on the issuance of visas to nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, will ensure that Australia remains in compliance with paragraph 8 of resolution 2397 (2017).