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Note verbale dated 28 August 2009 from the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and further to its note dated 25 August 2009 has the honour to transmit the following information on the actions taken by the Government of the Philippines in compliance with Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (see annex).



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The Republic of the Philippines has taken the following actions pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009):

1. On the arms embargo, the relevant Philippine Government agencies will continue to consult and coordinate with each other to ensure that appropriate action is taken to comply with the resolution. It must be noted that the Philippines has no defence cooperation agreement with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that would facilitate the supply, sale, transfer, trade, and provision of technical training, advice, service or assistance on arms. Philippine trade with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is minimal and consists mostly of textile product exports. Future transactions, if any, will be monitored more closely in the light of this resolution.

2. On the inspection of cargo at ports of entry in the Philippines, including seaports and airports, the Bureau of Customs issued Memorandum Circular No. 206-2009 on 10 July 2009 directing all its Deputy Commissioners, District Collectors, Sub-Port Collectors and Chiefs to disseminate copies of Security Council resolutions 1874 (2009) and 1718 (2006) to all officers and the assessment and enforcement units within their jurisdiction and advising them to be vigilant in enforcing paragraphs 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17 of Security Council resolution 1874 (2009). The Bureau of Customs also advised the Department of Finance on 14 July 2009 of the issuance of the memorandum asking its officials and concerned offices to strictly comply with the aforementioned Security Council resolutions.

The Philippine Coast Guard, which is under the Department of Transportation and Communications, also coordinates closely with the Bureau of Customs. In compliance with Security Council resolutions 1874 (2009) and 1718 (2006), the Philippine Coast Guard shall: (a) report to the Department of Foreign Affairs sightings or information on vessels of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea transiting Philippine waters or calling on Philippine ports; (b) gather information relating to shipments of nuclear weapons or related materials; (c) enhance monitoring of all inbound and outbound cargoes to and from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and (d) undertake thorough checks of ship cargo manifests during the conduct of port State inspections.

The Presidential Anti-Smuggling Group is also involved since it is tasked with the same complementary enforcement responsibilities as the Bureau of Customs. The Presidential Anti-Smuggling Group, which is under the Office of the President, is composed of elements of the Bureau of Customs, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police, Philippine Navy, Philippine Maritime Authority, Philippine Ports Authority, National Food Authority, and the Bureau of Food and Drugs. It has the powers and function to apprehend, seize, investigate and prosecute acts involving smuggling, unlawful importation and other similar violations particularly of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines.

3. On the matter of high seas inspection, the relevant Government agencies will continue to consult and coordinate with each other to ensure that appropriate action is taken to comply with the resolution.

4. On the financial measures, particularly in the light of the designation of certain commercial entities and individuals from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as subject to freezing of assets, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (Central Bank of the Philippines) has issued a circular letter to all banks and non-bank financial institutions under its supervision which requires them to (a) closely monitor the persons or entities referred to in the resolutions, and (b) report any known information regarding these persons or entities such as amount, date, counter-party and nature of transactions, to the Central Point of Contact Department I, Supervision and Examination Sector of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. It must be noted that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas does not grant loans to other countries, only to banking institutions within the Philippines.

5. On the travel ban, the Department of Foreign Affairs has requested the Bureau of Immigration to include the five individuals from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the Bureau of Immigration's blacklist. The Department of Foreign Affairs has also advised the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency of the decision of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) to designate the five individuals.
