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Letter dated 2 January 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of Australia, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter regarding overseas workers from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Member States' obligations under relevant Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Juergen Schulz
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Federal Republic of Germany



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We are writing in order to draw your attention to the issue of overseas workers from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Member States' obligations under relevant Security Council resolutions. In paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#), the Security Council decided that Member States shall repatriate to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea all the Democratic People's Republic of Korea nationals earning income in that Member State's jurisdiction, subject to limited exceptions. The Council unanimously agreed this action should be completed by 22 December 2019.

This decision was not taken lightly but reflected the continuous violation by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of Security Council resolutions with the development of its nuclear and ballistic missile weapons programme. This was a proportionate, targeted and appropriate response to address fundraising by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for such programmes. It was and still is a vital step for international peace and security.

Two years later, the deadline for repatriation has arrived. Democratic People's Republic of Korea nationals' earning income within the jurisdiction of a Member State now needs to have been fully repatriated, in a manner consistent with Security Council resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#), regardless of their occupation (e.g. student, trainee, medical personnel, athlete), employer (including foreign entities), type of visa (e.g. tourism) and date at which they obtained work authorizations, visas or contracts.

Responsible States around the globe have been working to repatriate qualifying Democratic People's Republic of Korea nationals, often in the face of attempts to conceal or obscure their presence or to conduct their business on the black market. We commend the diligence and efforts of so many States to meet their obligations.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind States that, as of this date, the presence of Democratic People's Republic of Korea workers' earning income in their jurisdiction, as explained in Security Council resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#), is a violation of international law. We encourage States to submit any information pertaining to the continued presence of Democratic People's Republic of Korea workers outside the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution [1874 \(2009\)](#) for proper investigation and reporting, at dpa-poe1874@un.org.

All States need to provide final reports to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1718 \(2006\)](#), at sc-1718-committee@un.org, no later than 22 March 2020, to confirm they have completed their checks against these obligations. Those Member States that failed to meet the midterm report deadline in 2019 still have an opportunity to comply with the final reporting requirement of resolution [2397 \(2017\)](#) by providing their final reports by the 22 March 2020 deadline.

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