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Note verbale dated 28 November 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and, with reference to paragraph 11 of the resolution has the honour to submit herewith the report of the Republic of Bulgaria on the steps undertaken for the implementation of sanctions envisaged in the above-mentioned resolution (see annex).

Annex to the note verbale dated 28 November 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

REPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

In accordance with op.p. 11 of UN Security Council Resolution 1718 (2006)

The Republic of Bulgaria fully supports UNSCR 1718 of 14 October 2006 and has undertaken concrete measures aimed at full and effective implementation of its provisions, along with additional obligations assumed under Common position 795/CPSP of 20 November 2006, adopted by the Council of the European Union.

All relevant Bulgarian authorities have been made aware of the provisions of UNSCR 1718. The implementation of these provisions at national level has already started pending the completion of the legal procedure /now underway/ for adoption by the Bulgarian Covernment of a special Decree which will regulate the comprehensive implementation of the measures referred to in Operative Paragraph 8 of UNSCR 1718.

The text of this normative document includes inter alia;

- The prohibition of direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer to the DPRK, the procurement from the DPRK and the transfers of technical training, advice, services or assistance related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use, through Bulgarian territory or by Bulgarian nationals, or using Bulgarian flag vessels or aircraft, of the items as listed in para.8 (a), (i) and (ii), as well as the export of luxury goods. By adopting this Decree, the Council of Ministers will incorporate the DPRK in the List of prohibited destinations and organizations to which Bulgaria applies restrictive measures.
- The freezing of the funds, other financial assets and economic resources which are on Bulgarian territory and are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the persons or entities designated by the Committee or by the SC as being engaged in or providing support for DPRK's nuclear-related, other weapons of mass destruction-related and ballistic missile related programmes, or by persons or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction:
- The prohibition of entry into or transit through Bulgarian territory of the persons designated by the Committee or by the SC as being responsible for, including through supporting or promoting, DPRK policies in relation to the DPRK's nuclear-related and other weapons of mass destruction-related programmes, together with their family members.
- To ensure compliance with the requirements of para. 8 and thereby to prevent illicit trafficking in nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, their means of delivery and related materiel, Bulgaria will participate in international cooperation, including through inspection of cargo to and from the DPRK, in accordance with its national legislation, and consistent with international law.

The national legal procedure is expected to be finalized by mid December with the adoption of the above mentioned Decree by the Bulgarian Government. A copy of the document will be submitted to the Committee in due time.