1718 Committee Open briefing

New York, 13 September 2019

INTRODUCTION

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), its Panel of Experts, and the Secretariat, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this open briefing on Security Council sanctions regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

At the outset, I wish to pay tribute to my predecessor, Ambassador Karel van Oosterom of the Netherlands. Along with his team, he did excellent work during the past year chairing the 1718 Committee, including by holding similar briefings last year. I would also like to thank the Secretariat for its assistance in the organization of this briefing.

The DPRK sanctions regime is the most comprehensive sanctions regime to date. With this briefing we intend to inform Member States about the mandate and activities of the Committee, the main findings of the Panel of Expert's Midterm Report and how the Committee can assist Member States in carrying out their obligations under the relevant Security Council resolutions.

As Chair of the 1718 Committee, I wish to touch upon three points in my opening remarks:

- 1. Member States' obligations to submit national implementation reports,
- 2. The need for effective implementation of the sanctions measures, and
- 3. Humanitarian exemption mechanism.

The Coordinator of the Panel of Experts will subsequently elaborate in more detail on the activities of the Panel, features of the DPRK sanctions regime and the recently published Midterm Report.

I will then open the floor for questions and answers and encourage Member States to make full use of this opportunity to engage in an interactive discussion with the Panel of Experts.

NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORTS

Ladies and gentlemen,

You may recall that the resolutions state that Member States shall report within ninety days of their adoption on the concrete measures undertaken to effectively implement the sanctions measures.

While we have seen a significant increase in the submission of national implementation reports in relation to prior years, there is still a large number of Member States who have yet to submit their reports.

I would like to remind Member States of the importance of submitting these reports in a timely manner and therefore call on those Member States who have yet to submit these reports to do so promptly, even if the deadline for submission has expired. Implementation reports play an important role in helping the Committee and its Panel of Experts assist Member States to fully implement the resolutions.

I would also like to remind Member States of the upcoming deadline of 22 March 2020 for the submission of their implementation report on paragraph 8 of resolution 2397 (2017) concerning the obligation to repatriate DPRK nationals as defined in paragraph 8 of said resolution by 22 December 2019 at the latest. To date, only **42** Member States have submitted the midterm report on the implementation of this paragraph that was due on 22 March 2019.

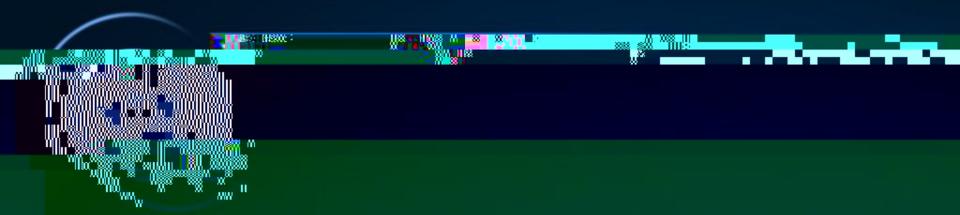
All relevant information on the preparation and submission of implementation reports can be found on the 1718 Committee website, which also contains the relevant resolutions, an overview of all sanctions measures and press releases. On the webpage named 'implementation reports', Member States will find a consolidated table with submission deadlines per resolution, as well as the email address to send it to. Should there be any doubt as to whether your Government has fulfilled all reporting obligations, you can consult the table with all the reports received so far.

Member States are also encouraged to use the optional checklist template contained in Implementation Assistance Notice No. 2, also to be found on the Committee website. The checklist can be helpful in providing the required information.

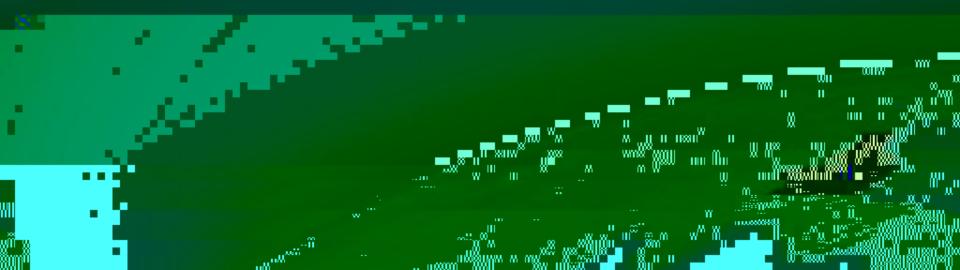
Finally, my team, as well as the Panel of Experts, stand ready to assist Member States with the preparation and submission of such reports.

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the 1718 Committee, I thank you for your kind attention. I now give the floor



Recent developments in the UN sanctions regime on the DPRK





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The DPRK sanctions regime







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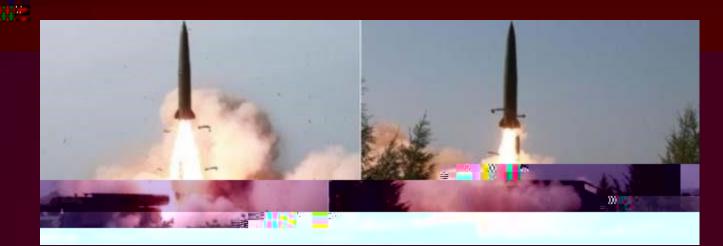
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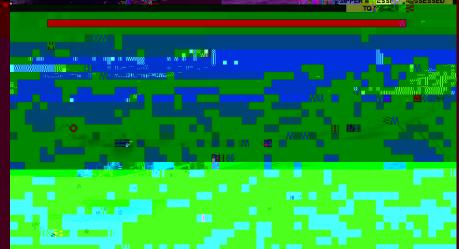
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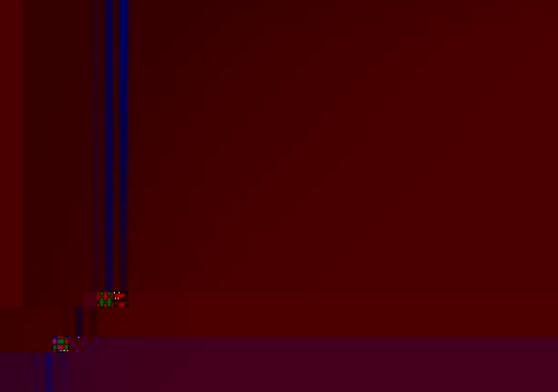


Embargoes, designated individuals and entities





Luxury goods





Unintended impact of sanctions

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Recommendations

Maritime

Sanctions evasion by cyber means

Designated entities



For more information:

https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1718

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