

**Briefing to the UN Security Council on behalf of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by Ambassador Peter Burian, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations (11 January 2007)**

1. I have the honour to brief the Security Council on the activities of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) of 14 October 2006 concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the period of October 14, 2006 through 11 January 2007, in accordance with the operative paragraph 12(g) of resolution 1718 (2006).
2. Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, held on 20 October 2006, the Council agreed to elect the bureau of the Committee for 2006, which consisted of the Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations as Chairman, with the delegations of Argentina and Qatar providing the two Vice-Chairmen. The Committee started its full operation by holding its first informal meeting on 23 October 2006.
3. Since its inception the Committee has been meeting with such frequency as necessary to carry out its duties effectively and it is expected that it shall meet once a week. During the reporting period, the Committee held 9 informal meetings at the expert level. The Committee in discharging its mandate was guided by operative paragraph 12 of Security Council resolution 1718 (2006).
4. In operative paragraph 8 (a) (ii) of resolution 1718 (2006) the Security Council decided that all Member States shall prevent the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer to the DPRK of items, materials, equipment, goods and technology covered by the documents S/2006/814 and S/2006/815, unless within 14 days of adoption of resolution 1718 the Committee had amended or completed their provisions also taking into account the list in document S/2006/816 circulated by the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations on 12 October 2006.
5. On 1 November 2006, I informed all UN Member States by a note verbale that pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) the Committee had revised the Chemical and biological programmes list, and that a new document S/2006/853 now superseded the original document S/2006/816. The lists of items, materials, equipment, goods and technology listed in documents S/2006/814 and S/2006/815 remained unchanged. Documents S/2006/814, S/2006/815, and S/2006/853. and Corr. 1 may also be accessed on the Committee's website.
6. In accordance with its mandate, the Committee continues the process of determining additional items, materials, equipment, goods and technology to be specified for the purpose of paragraphs 8 (a) (ii) of the resolution as the members of the Committee have submitted further amendments to the lists in documents S/2006/814, S/2006/815, and S/2006/853.
7. Paragraph 11 of resolution 1718 (2006) calls upon all Member States of the United Nations to report to the Security Council within thirty days of the adoption of the resolution on the steps they have taken with a view to implementing effectively the provisions of paragraph 8 of the resolution. As of 10 January 2007 the Committee received replies from 46 countries and one organisation (European Union) to its Note Verbale of 1 November 2006, concerning the implementation of UNSCR 1718 (2006). Replies are being issued as official documents of the UN and are also

accessible electronically at the UN Official Documents System (UNODS) and on the Committee website, unless a State requests that its reply be kept confidential.

8. Resolution 1718 (2006) tasked the Committee to seek information regarding the actions taken to implement effectively the relevant measures imposed by it, in particular from those states who are producing or possessing the items proscribed in paragraph 8 (a). However, in as much as this is a direct and binding requirement of the resolution, all States, irrespective of whether they possess a potential associated with WMD and their means of delivery and related materials covered by resolution 1718, are called upon to report to the Security Council Committee on the steps they have taken nationally to implement the resolution.

9. The Committee is currently considering draft guidelines for the conduct of its work. This document will be a tool to facilitate the implementation of the measures imposed by this resolution.

10. While affirming that the primary responsibility for implementing the provisions of resolution 1718 (2006) rests with States, the Committee when requested stands ready to facilitate implementation of these measures. The Committee started its proactive approach in this area when it received letters from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) dated 27 October 2006, and the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations dated 3 November 2006, seeking guidance on or notifying a specific case of cooperation with the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea after the adoption of UNSCR 1718 (2006). The Committee will continue this cooperation with Member States and/or relevant organizations upon receiving specific requests in this regard.

11. Owing to keen interest from Member States outside the Council, but also many of those represented on the Council, the Committee has addressed the issue of implementing operative paragraph 8 (a) (iii) of resolution 1718 concerning the ban on the export of luxury goods to DPRK. In this connection, the Committee considered that any definition of luxury goods as may be necessary for Member States to implement this provision of the resolution would be the national responsibility of individual Member States. The Committee also reaffirmed that the measures contained in operative paragraph 8 (a) (iii) of resolution 1718 (2006) are not intended to restrict the supply of ordinary goods to the wider population of the country or have a negative humanitarian impact on the DPRK. The Committee referred Member States to national reports submitted pursuant to operative paragraph 11 of resolution 1718 (2006) as cases of national definitions and implementation with respect to luxury goods.

12. In operative paragraph 12 (e) of resolution 1718, the Security Council decided to give a mandate to the Committee to designate additional individuals and entities subject to the measures imposed by paragraphs 8 (d) and 8 (e) of resolution 1718 (2006), i. e. targeted financial sanctions and travel ban respectively. I wish to inform the Council that during the reporting period the Committee has received no requests for designation on the basis of the criteria contained in the two subparagraphs referred to above.

Thank you for your attention.