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Letter dated 16 September 2026 from the Permanent Representatives of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

We, the 11 Member States participating in the Multilateral Sanctions Monitoring Team, a mechanism established to monitor and report violations and evasions of the United Nations sanctions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, have the honour to write to you upon instructions from our respective Governments.

The Multilateral Sanctions Monitoring Team was established in October 2024 to fill the gap left by the disbandment of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution [1874 \(2009\)](#). While the Multilateral Sanctions Monitoring Team does not replace the Panel, it intends to assist Member States in the full implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions.

We are pleased to inform you that the Multilateral Sanctions Monitoring Team published its third report on 16 September 2026 entitled "The DPRK's Use of Overseas Labour to Violate and Evade UN Sanctions". The report unveils new information about the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's overseas labour programme, including in the countries which continue hosting Democratic People's Republic of Korea labourers in violation of several Security Council resolutions. The report consolidates open-source reporting and information provided by the Multilateral Sanctions Monitoring Team participating States and illustrates the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's ongoing utilization of overseas workforces to generate revenue for its priorities, including the unlawful development of its weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile programmes. The report is available on the official Multilateral Sanctions Monitoring Team website at: <https://msmt.info>.

We would be grateful if the present letter could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and circulated as a document of the Council. We also encourage the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1718 \(2006\)](#) to consider the information provided in the report regarding ongoing violations of relevant Security Council resolutions.

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