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No new information per se.

To be clear, the inability to monitor our contributions should stay as the primary issue, but also as part of our considerations we took into account that North Korea is spending a lot of money on weapons programs rather than feeding their own people, who are not as in dire humanitarian straits as may be the case elsewhere in the world. So while the decision is slightly 'multifaceted', we would not agree that it was particularly political. Also important to note that we are not walking away from the principle of potential future humanitarian assistance to DPRK.

Below, we've reformulated those existing points to make that more clear:

- You will be aware that Australia has made a decision to suspend our payments to WFP's North Korean operations
- This decision was made because we cannot monitor these contributions
  - the Government of North Korea has on several occasions now refused our requests to visit
    - : the risk of diversion of aid to the North Korean regime in unacceptable.
  - all humanitarian assistance is considered on a needs basis and against global needs.
  - Australia is concerned that the Government of North Korea continues to divert considerable resources to its illegal nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs, despite its domestic humanitarian situation
- Subject to appropriate safeguards and access, Australia stands ready to assist in responding to humanitarian crises when they arise, including in North Korea
  - and would always consider future contributions.

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Canada's Deputy Perm Rep pulled me aside just prior to the end of the WFP Executive Board yesterday s 33(b), s 33(a)(iii)

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Kind regards,

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