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The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) presents his compliments to the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to its note verbale dated 15 June 2020, conveying to the Committee a request for an exemption, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), from the prohibitions on transfers to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) of the equipment listed in paragraph 7 of resolution 2397 (2017), to allow for the import of items into the DPRK within the scope of a humanitarian assistance project undertaken by the nongovernmental organization Finn Church Aid, to enhance the food security of vulnerable primary school aged children in two counties in North Hwanghae province through supporting supplementary school feeding programs, and to conduct disaster risk reduction and education in emergencies activities to bolster the resilience of vulnerable children and their families.

The Chair has the further honour to inform Finland that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the requested exemption in the abovementioned note verbale, in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), to transfer the items and services outlined in Finland's note verbale within the next six months, which is enclosed in this note verbale as an attachment. The items are requested to be shipped once together or in a consolidated manner, with a view to increasing efficiency of shipping and custom clearance.

The Committee reiterates that the sanctions measures imposed by the Security Council through its resolutions with respect to the DPRK are not intended to bear a negative impact on the people of the DPRK, and the note verbale it issued to all Member States, as well as its press release SC/13113 of 8 December 2017, offer clarifications as regards humanitarian aid to the DPRK. The note verbale further recalls that each Member State must fully implement relevant Security Council measures, while keeping in mind the need to clarify to public and private sector entities in their jurisdiction that, while properly implementing United Nations sanctions, humanitarian activities should not be unduly restricted.

The Committee further supports and approves Finland engaging in necessary business and financial transactions only for the purchase of goods and services exempted by the Committee and found in the attachment without prejudice to the relevant commercial decisions.

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At the same time, the Committee requests relevant organizations delivering humanitarian assistance to the DPRK to adhere to the exemption time limit approved by the Committee and fully respect and abide by relevant national laws, regulations, and licensing requirements governing financial and commercial transactions, and shipping and custom clearance conducted in the jurisdictions of affected Member States.

The Chair has the further honour to inform Finland that this note verbale and its annex will be published on the 1718 Committee website for the public, including relevant national authorities involved in reviewing the exempted transfers to the DPRK, for a period of six months.

The Committee would like to thank Finland for its diligence.

The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

(Signed)

24 June 2020

Attachment:

- List of Goods and Items for Transfer to the DPRK

FCA EXEMPTION REQUEST, ANNEX I: Estimated expenditures inside DPRK

ITEM	Input Months July 2020 to December 2020	Estimated expenses in DPRK (EUR) July 2020 to December 2020	Additional description
Key expert 1 Country Representative	6	15,000	Expatriate expert for out of pocket expenses and to the General Service Bureau (GSB) for apartment rent.
Key expert 2, Humanitarian Coordinator	6	15,000	Expatriate expert for out of pocket expenses and to the General Service Bureau (GSB) for apartment rent.
International short-term expert, Education Advisor	2	5,000	Expatriate expert for out of pocket expenses and to General Service Bureau (GSB) for apartment rent.
National support staff; liaison, driver, cleaner	6	12,000	Individual staff salaries
Monitoring and Evaluation/ Internal control visits to DPRK	2	6,000	
Office running cost and rent	6	15,000	GSB (General Service Bureau) for rent and utilities and purchases made in different shops.
Purchase vehicle/ car rental	-	25,000	Local second-hand vehicle bought in the DPRK. In case no suitable vehicle available, the amount used for renting a car.
Vehicle running costs	6	18,000	Petroleum, required insurance premiums and repairs if needed
Learning materials, teacher trainings and support for the primary schools	6	12,000	

FCA EXEMPTION REQUEST, ANNEX II: Estimated expenditures outside DPRK

ITEM	Input Months July 2020 to December 2020	Estimated expenses (EUR) July 2020 to December 2020
Soybeans	6	30,000
Transportation costs for food aid from China to the DPRK	6	6,000
Procurement, monitoring and legal aid in China (consultancy)	6	12,000
Country Representative (salaries of FCA's staff member)	6	33,600
Project Manager (salaries of FCA's staff member)	6	33,600
Two laptop computer (to be transferred to the DPRK)	6	2,000
Two mobile phones (to be transferred to the DPRK for the)	6	400

No other goods or materials are to be transferred into the DPRK.