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Excellency,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 27 October 2021, requesting the Committee for a further adjustment of the timeframe for the exemption granted to Switzerland on 11 March 2020 and extended until 17 November 2021, pursuant to paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7, for an exceptional 12 months due to uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to complete the shipment of 2000 sets of personal protective equipment to the DPRK by the agency Swiss Humanitarian Aid, which is part of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, to support ongoing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to the territory of the DPRK.

I have the further honour to inform you that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to further adjust the timeframe for the exemption until 2 November 2022, to complete the shipment of the relevant items, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017).

The Committee would like to thank Switzerland for its diligence.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)

Mona Juul
Chair

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Her Excellency
Mrs. Pascale Baeriswyl
Permanent Representative of Switzerland
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Annex 2:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Kit - 2000 Kits (Quantities per kit)				
Item	Specification	Quantity	Price (CHF)	
			Unit	Total
Protective Mask	N95	1	3	3
Alcohol-based hand Rub	solution, 100ml, bottle	1	2	2
Gown	Single use, fluid resistant, disposable, length mid-calf to cover the top of the boots, light colours preferable to better detect possible contamination, thumb/finger loops or elastic cuff to anchor sleeves in place. Size L	1	3	3
Mask, Surgical	Medical/surgical mask, high fluid resistance, good breathability, internal and external faces should be clearly identified, structured design that does not collapse against the mouth (e.g. duckbill, cup shaped)	1	0.95	0.95
Face Shield	Made of clear plastic and provides good visibility to both the wearer and the patient, Adjustable band to attach firmly around the head and fit snugly against the forehead, Fog resistant (preferable), Completely cover the sides and length of the face, May be re-usable (made of robust material which can be cleaned and disinfected) or disposable	1	1	1
Goggles, plastic, with rubber string, eyes protection	Polycarbonate, long lasting, scratch resistant. Front and side protection. Length and angle of branches adjustable	1	6	6
General purpose cleaning gloves, rubber, in pair	first grade 100% natural rubber non toxic large (L) length: 300-330mm weight: From 60g to 100g for a pair	1	2	2

17.95 x 2000 sets = grand total value CHF 35'000

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17 May 2021

Excellency,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 10 May 2021, requesting the Committee for a further adjustment of the timeframe for the exemption granted to Switzerland on 11 March 2020 and extended until 11 March 2021, pursuant to paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7, for an additional six months due to the challenges related to pandemic-related border closures, to complete the shipment of 2000 sets of personal protective equipment to the DPRK by the agency Swiss Humanitarian Aid, which is part of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, to support ongoing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to the territory of the DPRK.

I have the further honour to inform you that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to adjust the timeframe for the exemption until 17 November 2021, to complete the procurement and shipment of the relevant items outlined in the abovementioned letter, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017).

The Committee would like to thank Switzerland for its diligence.

(Signed)

Mona Juul
Chair

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12 March 2020

Excellency,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 5 March 2020, requesting the Committee for an exemption pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7, to engage in humanitarian activities in the DPRK, in particular for the shipment of disinfection kits for 30 hospitals and 2000 sets of personal protective equipment to the DPRK by the agency Swiss Humanitarian Aid, which is part of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, to support ongoing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to the territory of the DPRK.

I have the further honour to inform you that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the requested exemption in the abovementioned letter, in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), to transfer the items and services outlined in the letter within the next six months, which is enclosed in this letter 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 Switzerland 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.

His Excellency
Mr. Jürg Lauber
Permanent Representative of Switzerland
to the United Nations
New York

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.

I wish to inform you that this letter 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 Switzerland for its diligence.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)

Christoph Heusgen
Chair
Security Council Committee established
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Attachment:

- List of Items and Services for Transfer to the DPRK