

20 March 2024

Dear Mr. Abdi,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 11 March 2024, conveying to the Committee a request for an exemption pursuant to with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular to allow the import of items vital for the proper functioning of cold chain equipment used for UNICEF's programme activities in the DPRK. I further note UNICEF's request for the Committee to consider, on an exceptional basis, the approval of a 12-month timeframe for the exemption for the procurement and shipment of the items to the DPRK by UNICEF and that UNICEF would nevertheless deploy its best efforts to ship the items to the DPRK in the shortest reasonable timeframe.

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), as well as an extended timeframe for the exemption on an exceptional basis, to transfer the items outlined in your letter within the next 12 months, which is enclosed in this letter as an attachment. The items are requested to be shipped once together or in a consolidated matter, with a view to increasing efficiency and custom clearance.

Mr. Omar Abdi  
Deputy Executive Director, Programmes  
UNICEF

The Committee further supports and approves UNICEF 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.

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 12 months.

The Committee would like to thank UNICEF for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed)*

Pascale Baeriswyl  
Chair

Security Council Committee established  
pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Attachment:

- List of items for transfer to the DPRK

**DPRK UN Sanction Exemption Request for items to be shipped in Q1 of 2024**

Sno	Program	Material Description	Specifications	Purpose	Estimated Value	Origin	Port of departure	Port of entry	Parties involved in transaction	Measure to ensure for use of intended purpose
1	Health	Cold Chain Equipment	5 each of Cooling units with control board for Zhendre WIC mono block 40m3; Product # 22611, COOLING UNIT MONOBL MGM320EB	To strengthen the cold chain system for storing vaccines for vaccinating children and women with effective vaccines	\$ 22,000.00	France	To be confirmed	To be confirmed DPRK	To be confirmed	UNICEF International staff will provide monitoring to ensure that the supplies are used for the intended purpose.
2	Health	Cold Chain Equipment	11 each of Cooling units for Zhendre WIC mono block 10m3 ; Product # 25236, COOLING UNIT MONOBL MGM110EA	To strengthen the cold chain system for storing vaccines for vaccinating children and women with effective vaccines	\$ 33,000.00	France	To be confirmed	To be confirmed DPRK	To be confirmed	UNICEF International staff will provide monitoring to ensure that the supplies are used for the intended purpose.
3	Health	Cold Chain Equipment	16 each of ELECT PANEL WIF20 WIC10-30-40,	To strengthen the cold chain system for storing vaccines for vaccinating children and women with effective vaccines	\$ 30,000.00	France	To be confirmed	To be confirmed DPRK	To be confirmed	UNICEF International staff will provide monitoring to ensure that the supplies are used for the intended purpose.
			Total Value		\$85,000.00					