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13 August 2021

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 10 August 2021, by which you requested the Committee for amendments to the exemption granted to UNICEF on 24 July 2020, pursuant to paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7, for the shipment of medical equipment essential for UNICEF's operations in the DPRK focused on mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on tuberculosis and malaria, as part of the COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM), including patient ventilators, oxygen concentrators, oximeters, suction pumps and resuscitation kits, to increase the level of preparedness and operational readiness for COVID-19 in both tuberculosis and malaria programmes, in relation to the procurement origination of three items, as well as an adjustment of the timeframe for the exemption for an exceptional 12 months, due to the continued procurement and operational challenges arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I have the further honour to inform you that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the requested amendments and to adjust the timeframe for the exemption until 13 August 2022, to complete the procurement and shipment of the relevant items, the details of which are enclosed in this letter as an attachment, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017).

The Committee would like to thank UNICEF for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Mona Juul
Chair

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Mr. Omar Abdi
Deputy Executive Director, Programmes
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Attachment:

- List of Goods and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

Program	Material Description	Specifications:	Purpose	Value	Origin	Port of departure	Port of entry	Parties involved in transaction	Measure to ensure for use of intended purpose
Health (Covid-19)	Oxygen concentrator	Device concentrates oxygen from ambient air. Mobile on four antistatic swivel castors, two with brakes Flowrate: continuous and adjustable; oxygen purity: 93% ± 3%; output pressure: 0.04–0.07 MPa; noise level < 55 dB Integrated oxygen concentration and pressure sensors. Four-step filtering of air intake, including bacterial filter; all filters replaceable; coarse filter is washable/reusable Display panel with audio/visual alarms for: "low oxygen concentration" (< 82%), "high/low pressure" (0.1/0.23 MPa), "power failure" and "occlusion" (no flow). Accessories and spare parts should be available to ensure at least one year of operation	This item will be used for case management of MDR TB patients with severe respiratory failures in 1 CTPI, 9 PTHs and 12 MDR-TB treatment units. Quantification is based on number of health facilities (2 sets per CTPI and 9 PTHs and one for 12 Treatment Units).	\$22,918.40	China	To be confirmed	Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port DPR Korea	Supplier and Freight forwarder(DAMCO)	UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.
Health (Covid-19)	Patient ventilator(invasive, intensive care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tidal volume up to 1000 mL Pressure (inspiratory) up to 80 cm H2O Volume (inspiratory) up to 120 L/min Respiratory rate: up to 60 breaths per minute Synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation (SIMV) respiratory rate: up to 40 breaths per minute CPAP/PEEP up to 20 cm H2O Pressure support up to 45 cm H2O FiO2 between 21% and 100% Inspiratory and expiratory times up to at least 2 sec and 8 sec respectively I:E ratio from 1:1 to 1:3 Modes of ventilation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volume controlled Pressure controlled Pressure support SIMV with pressure support Assist/control mode CPAP/PEEP Alarms are required: FiO2, minute volume, pressure, PEEP, apnea, occlusion, high respiration rate, disconnection. System alarms required: power failure, gas disconnection, low battery, vent inoperative, self-diagnostics. If an alarm silencing feature is incorporated, it must be temporary and clearly displayed when activated. Air and externally supplied oxygen mixture ratios fully controllable; inlet gas supply (O2) pressure range 35 psi to 65 psi; medical air compressor integral to unit, with inlet filter.	This item will be used for case management of MDR TB patients with severe respiratory failures in 1 CTPI, 9 PTHs, 12 MDR-TB treatment units at district level. Quantification is based on number of health facilities (3 EA per central & provincial level health facilities and 2 for district level).	\$550,000.00	China	To be confirmed	Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port DPR Korea		UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.
Health (Covid-19)	Pulse oximeter hand held including respiratory rate	Compact portable device to monitor haemoglobin oxygen saturation and calculate the pulse rate of a patient; hand held; with cables and sensor; battery powered. SpO2 detection to include the range 70–100% SpO2 resolution: 1% or less Pulse rate detection to include the range 30–240 bpm Pulse rate resolution: 1 bpm or less Complies with ISO 80601-2-61:2011, or equivalent	This item will be used for case management of MDR TB patients with severe respiratory failures in 1 CTPI, 9 PTHs and 12 MDR-TB treatment units. Quantification is based on number of health facilities (10 for 1 CTPI and 9 PTHs and 3 for 12 TB treatment units)	\$73,378.80	China	To be confirmed	Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port DPR Korea	Supplier and freight fowader(DAMCO)	UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.
Health (Covid-19)	Flow splitter for oxygen supply	Flow splitter for diversification of oxygen delivery. Each outlet with an independent flowmeter for independently controlled oxygen flow rates. Full scale is graduated in litres per minute (L/min). The device is connected to a single oxygen supply (e.g. concentrator). Input pressure: 50–350 kPa.	This item will be used for case management of MDR TB patients with severe respiratory failures in 1 CTPI, 9 PTHs and 12 MDR-TB treatment units. Quantification is based on number of health facilities (2 sets per CTPI and 9 PTHs and one for 12 Treatment Units).	\$26,272.00	Denmark	Aarhus seaport, Denmark	Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port DPR Korea	Supplier and freight fowader(DAMCO)	UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.
Health (Covid-19)	Resuscitation kits, basic	1 x Pump,suction,foot-operated 1 x Resuscitator, hand-oper., neonate, set 1 x Resuscitator, hand-oper., child, set 1 x Resuscitator,hand-oper.,adult,set 1 X Airway guedel, sterile, single use, size 00 1 X Airway guedel, sterile, single use, size 0 1 X Airway guedel, sterile, single use, size 1 1 X Airway guedel, sterile, single use, size 2 1 X Airway guedel, sterile, single use, size 3 1 X Airway guedel, sterile, single use, size 4	The Basic Resuscitation kit consists of basic equipment to facilitate resuscitation for adult, child and newborn in all types of environment, including emergency situations. The kit is one part of "Midwifery Kit – Complete" and one part of the "Obstetric, surgical Kit - Complete". The "Midwifery Kit - Complete" contains basic medicines, medical devices consumables and equipment, basic sterilisation and resuscitation equipment for health facilities. This item will be used for case management of MDR TB patients with severe respiratory failures in 1 CTPI, 9 PTHs and 12 MDR-TB treatment units. Quantification is based on number of health facilities (2 sets per CTPI and 9 PTHs and one for 12 Treatment Unit	\$11,312.00	Denmark	Aarhus seaport, Denmark	Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port DPR Korea	supplier and freight fowader(DAMCO)	UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.
Health (Covid-19)	Pump,suction,surgical,2 bottles,w/access	Portable suction devices/aspiration pumps used to evacuate secretions and liquids from the nasal cavity or from high airways. Devices capable of resisting high-level disinfection procedures. Aspiration pumps vary in vacuum level and flow capacity. Anti-bacterial filter and containers should be available, if applicable	This item will be used for case management of MDR TB patients with severe respiratory failures in 1 CTPI, 9 PTHs and 12 MDR-TB treatment units. Quantification is based on number of health facilities (2 sets per CTPI and 9 PTHs and one for 12 Treatment Unit	\$24,719.04	Netherlands or Germany	To be confirmed when issuing purchase order	Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port DPR Korea	Supplier and freight fowader(DAMCO)	UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.
Health (Covid-19)	Generator set,	diesel, air cooled, 5KVA**	This item will be used for additional electricity supply due to unexpected electricity shortage. Quantification is based on number of health facilities(1 CTPI and 9 PTHs, 1 EA per facility).	\$50,320.00	China	Dandong	Sinuju or Nampo port	supplier and freight fowader	UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.

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24 July 2020

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 21 July 2020, by which you requested the Committee, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), for an exemption from the prohibitions on transfers to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to allow for the shipment of medical equipment essential for UNICEF's operations in the DPRK focused on mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on tuberculosis and malaria, as part of the COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM), including patient ventilators, oxygen concentrators, oximeters, suction pumps and resuscitation kits, to increase the level of preparedness and operational readiness for COVID-19 in both tuberculosis and malaria programmes. I also note your request for a longer timeframe for the exemption, given the challenges related to the manufacturing and shipment of goods as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 and services outlined in your letter within the next twelve 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.

Mr. Omar Abdi
Deputy Executive Director, Programmes
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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 twelve months.

The Committee would like to thank UNICEF for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Christoph Heusgen
Chair

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