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
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Mr. Omar Abdi
Deputy Executive Director, Programmes
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Attachment:
- List of Goods and Services for Transfer to the DPRK
**Material Description**

- Oxygen concentrator:
  - Checks oxygen from ambient air. Mobile on four-antenna wheel castors, two with brakes.
  - Flowrate: continuous and adjustable: oxygen purity: 96% ± 1%; output pressure: 0.04-0.07 MPa; noise level: ≤ 55 dB.
  - Integrated oxygen concentration and pressure sensors. Four-stage filtering of air intake, including bacterial filter; all filters replaceable; source filter is washable/reusable.
  - Display panel with audible/alarm for “low oxygen concentration” (< 82%), “high low pressure” (0.1/0.23 MPa), “power failure” and “lockdown” (no-flow).
  - Accessories and spare parts should be available to ensure at least one year of operation.

- **Purpose**: This item will be used for case management of NDR 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 CTP and 9 PTHs and one for 12 Treatment Units).

- **Value**: $152,012.40

- **Origin**: China

- **Port of departure**: Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port

- **Port of entry**: DPR Korea

- **Parties involved in transaction**: Supplier and freight forwarder (DAMCO)

- **Measures to ensure for use of intended purpose**: UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.

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**Health (Covid-19)**

- **Valve ventilator/resuscitation intensive care**
  - **Purpose**: This item will be used for case management of NDR 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 CTPH and 9 PTHs and one for 12 Treatment Units).

- **Value**: $550,000.00

- **Origin**: China

- **Port of departure**: Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port

- **Port of entry**: DPR Korea

- **Parties involved in transaction**: Supplier and freight forwarder (DAMCO)

- **Measures to ensure for use of intended purpose**: UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.

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**Health (Covid-19)**

- **Pulse oximeter/hand held including respiratory rate**
  - **Purpose**: This item will be used for case management of NDR 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 CTPH and 9 PTHs and 3 for 12 TB treatment units).

- **Value**: $737,780.80

- **Origin**: China

- **Port of departure**: Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port

- **Port of entry**: DPR Korea

- **Parties involved in transaction**: Supplier and freight forwarder (DAMCO)

- **Measures to ensure for use of intended purpose**: UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.

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**Health (Covid-19)**

- **Humidifier for oxygen supply**
  - **Purpose**: This item will be used for case management of NDR 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 CTPH and 9 PTHs and one for 12 Treatment Units).

- **Value**: $46,273.99

- **Origin**: Denmark

- **Port of departure**: Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port

- **Port of entry**: DPR Korea

- **Parties involved in transaction**: Supplier and freight forwarder (DAMCO)

- **Measures to ensure for use of intended purpose**: UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.

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**Health (Covid-19)**

- **Resuscitation sets, basic**
  - **Purpose**: 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 "Medical Kit - Complete" and one part of the "Obstetric, surgical Kit - Complete". The "Obstetric Kit - Complete" contains basic medicines, medical devices consumables and equipment, basic sterilization and resuscitation equipment for health facilities.

- **Value**: $311,332.00

- **Origin**: Denmark

- **Port of departure**: Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port

- **Port of entry**: DPR Korea

- **Parties involved in transaction**: Supplier and freight forwarder (DAMCO)

- **Measures to ensure for use of intended purpose**: UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.

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**Health (Covid-19)**

- **Pulmonary suction, surgical, 2 bottles/w/ suction**
  - **Purpose**: This item will be used for case management of NDR 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 CTPH and 9 PTHs and one for 12 Treatment Units).

- **Value**: $22,918.40

- **Origin**: Netherlands

- **Port of departure**: Via Dalian Port of China to Nampo port

- **Port of entry**: DPR Korea

- **Parties involved in transaction**: Supplier and freight forwarder (DAMCO)

- **Measures to ensure for use of intended purpose**: UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.

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**Health (Covid-19)**

- **Generator set, diesel, air cooled, 5kVA**
  - **Purpose**: This item will be used for additional electricity supply due to unexpected electricity shortage. Quantification is based on number of health facilities (2 sets per CTPH and 9 PTHs, 1 EA per facility).

- **Value**: $50,320.00

- **Origin**: China

- **Port of departure**: Denmark

- **Port of entry**: Nampo port

- **Parties involved in transaction**: Supplier and freight forwarder (DAMCO)

- **Measures to ensure for use of intended purpose**: UNICEF International staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.
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.

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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
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

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