

17 January 2022

Dear Mr. Chelminski,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 22 December 2021, informing the Committee that the World Health Organization was unable to import some of the items approved as part of the exemption granted to WHO on 27 February 2020 and partially extended on 11 March 2021, pursuant to paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No.7, to allow for the transfer of diagnostic equipment and commodities for prevention and control of COVID-19 in the DPRK, due to the closure of the borders by the DPRK as a measure towards outbreak control, high global demand of COVID-19 items leading to delays in procurement and global travel restrictions leading to limited transportation options and requesting an extension of the previously granted exemption, for an exceptional 18 months, to complete the procurement and shipment of the relevant items as soon as possible after the opening of the borders by the DPRK.

I have the further honour to inform you that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the requested extension of the exemption until 17 July 2023, to complete the procurement and shipment of the relevant items outlined in the abovementioned letter, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017). In this connection, it is requested that WHO provide an update to the Committee of this humanitarian assistance project at the 12-month mark.

The Committee would like to thank WHO for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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Chair
Security Council Committee established
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Mr. Robert Chelminski
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Attachment:
- List of Items for Transfer to the DPRK

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11 September 2020

Dear Mr. Chelminski,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 7 September 2020, requesting the Committee for an adjustment of the timeframe for the exemption granted to the World Health Organization on 27 February 2020, pursuant to paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No.7, due to challenges related to the procurement and shipment of goods as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, to allow for the transfer of diagnostic equipment and commodities for prevention and control of COVID-19 in the DPRK, aimed to enhance the diagnostics capacity in the country, thus ensuring timely treatment of the patients and prevention of spread of COVID-19 virus among the vulnerable population 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 shipment of the relevant items until 11 March 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 WHO for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Christoph Heusgen
Chair

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1 July 2020

Dear Mr. Chelminski,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 17 June 2020, requesting the Committee for an amendment to the list of approved items and for an adjustment of the timeframe for the exemption granted to the World Health Organization on 27 February 2020, pursuant to paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No.7, to allow for the transfer of diagnostic equipment and commodities for prevention and control of COVID-19 in the DPRK, aimed to enhance the diagnostics capacity in the country, thus ensuring timely treatment of the patients and prevention of spread of COVID-19 virus among the vulnerable population of the DPRK.

I have the further honour to inform you that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the requested amendment to the list of items and to adjust the timeframe for the shipment of the relevant items until 30 December 2020, 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 WHO for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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- List of Items and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

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27 February 2020

Dear Mr. Chelminski,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 25 February 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 to allow for the transfer of diagnostic equipment and commodities for prevention and control of COVID-19 in the DPRK, aimed to enhance the diagnostics capacity in the country, thus ensuring timely treatment of the patients and prevention of spread of COVID-19 virus among the vulnerable population 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 WHO 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.

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 WHO for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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