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 finalize the import of the items approved as part of the exemption granted on 23 September 2019 and 20 March 2020 and partially extended until 5 December 2020, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), pertaining to laboratory equipment for vaccine preventable diseases, critical care equipment, emergency primary health care equipment, installation of a blood bag manufacturing plant, and diagnostic equipment for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, 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 some of the previously approved items as soon as possible after the opening of the borders by the DPRK. In the same letter, WHO noted that the listed items constitute the finalized lot planned to be imported to the DPRK from within the initially approved list.

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)

Mona Juul
Chair
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Mr. Robert Chelminski
Director, Administration and Finance for Regional Director
World Health Organization
Regional Office for South-East Asia
New Delhi, India

Attachment:
- List of Items for Transfer to the DPRK
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**Notes:**
- Blood bag mould is used for blood bag manufacture.
- Blood testing equipment includes standard blood-testing for HIV, hepatitis B and C.
- Ultrasound device comes with multi frequency, multi angle imaging capability.
- Defibrillator is used for emergency cardiac resuscitation.

**Measure to Ensure for use of intended purpose:**
- The goods will be used for the intended purpose.
- Upon arrival at the designated destination in DPRK, WHO through its Country Office will take possession and control of the goods.
- Goods are prohibited for any use other than the intended purpose.
- Goods will be used for their stated purpose and not diverted for any prohibited purposes.
- WHO will take the necessary actions to ensure that the goods are not sold on the open market and used for non-authorized purposes.
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 19 May 2020, requesting the Committee for an exemption in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), to allow the import of items to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) pertaining to humanitarian activities WHO intends to undertake at the request of the DPRK Ministry of Public Health, including the import of laboratory equipment for vaccine preventable diseases, critical care equipment, emergency primary health care equipment, installation of a blood bag manufacturing plant, and diagnostic equipment for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis.

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

Mr. Robert Chelminski  
Director, Administration and Finance a.i.  
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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)

Christoph Heusgen
Chair
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

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