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 the items approved as part of the exemption granted on 29 January 2020, pursuant to paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No.7, pertaining to WHO’s humanitarian activities, in particular the transfer of diagnostic equipment for telemedicine services and critical lifesaving healthcare to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (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 pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)
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Note: The products are intended for use in health care facilities in DPR Korea. The measures to ensure for use of intended purposes include:

- Real-time video imaging for monitoring and consultation.
- High-resolution ECG for continuous monitoring.
- Sterile microscopes for high-level sterilization requirements.

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WHO expects to minimize the possibility of diversion and ensure that these items are strictly used for their designated purpose. By implementing these measures, WHO Country Office will clear upon arrival at the designated destination in DPRK through the Country Office with the goods and physically accept them. WHO Country Office expects to minimize the possibility of diversion and ensure that these items are strictly used for their designated purpose.
29 January 2020

Dear Mr. Allen,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 13 January 2020, requesting the Committee for an exemption pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017) to allow the import of items to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) for WHO's humanitarian assistance activities, in particular diagnostic equipment for telemedicine services and critical lifesaving healthcare.

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 your 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.

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

Attachment:
- List of Items and Services for Transfer to the DPRK