

12 September 2023

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 5 September 2023, informing the Committee that the World Health Organization was unable to import the vehicles approved as part of the exemption granted to WHO on 26 September 2019 and extended until 17 July 2023, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), for the exclusive use of the WHO Country Office in the DPRK in order to provide safe and secure travel to WHO staff, which is a prerequisite for WHO's humanitarian work and necessary for fulfilling its programmatic requirements in the DPRK, due to an initial delay in procurement for reasons beyond WHO's control, the global travel restrictions leading to limited transportation options and the closure of the borders by the DPRK since January 2020 as a measure towards outbreak control, and that WHO was currently awaiting the opening of the land border for the importation of the vehicles. In this regard, WHO has requested an extension of the previously granted exemption, for an exceptional 12 months, to complete the shipment of the three vehicles as soon as possible after the opening of the borders by the DPRK. WHO also noted that it would keep the Committee informed on the final course of the vehicles in case they are agreed to be routed elsewhere upon WHO's internal deliberations in view of the extensive delays.

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 12 September 2024, 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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Chair
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pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

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Attachment: - List of Items for Transfer to the DPRK

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 vehicles approved as part of the exemption granted to WHO on 26 September 2019 and extended until 15 December 2020, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), to allow the import of three vehicles for the exclusive use of the WHO Country Office in the DPRK in order to provide safe and secure travel to WHO staff, which is a prerequisite for WHO's humanitarian work and necessary for fulfilling its programmatic requirements in the DPRK, and would enhance WHO's capacity and capability for field monitoring of its projects, due to an initial delay in procurement for reasons beyond WHO's control, the closure of the borders by the DPRK as a measure towards outbreak control 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 shipment of the three vehicles 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
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Attachment:

- List of Items for Transfer to the DPRK

S.No.	Annex and Item Head	Decision	Material Description	Purchase Order	Specifications	Purpose	Value (in US\$)	Origin	Port of Departure	Port of Entry	Parties Involved in Transaction	Measure to Ensure for use of intended purpose
1	Annex - Procurement of one unit of Toyota Camry Hybrid Car and two units of Landcruiser Jeeps	S/AC/49/2020/OC/138	TOYOTA CAMRY 2.5 x 1	202438299	TOYOTA CAMRY 2.5 GLE HYBRID AT + SR 2019 MODEL / EURO 5 Body Type: 4-Door Sedan Engine: 2487 CC, 4 Cylinder, 16V, DOHC, Dual VVTi, Max. Output 81.76 HP/5700 RPM, Max. Torque 22.5KG/M/3600-5200 RPM, Euro 5, Hybrid Technology Fuel Tank Capacity: 50 L Transmission: Electronically Controlled CVT Tires: 235/45/18 - Alloy Wheels Brakes: Front: Vent. Disc Rear: Disc Suspension: Front: Macpherson Strut / Rear: Dual Wish Bone Dimensions: 4885 x 1840 x 1445 (L x W x H)mm Wheelbase: 2825 mm, Ground Clearance: 145 mm Weight: kerb 1585 kg / Gross Vehicle 2100 kg Min. Turning Radius: 5.7 M Seats: 5 Seats (Fabric) Standard features: D + P + Side + Curtain Air Bags, ABS + EBD + BA + VSC + TRC (with Off Switch) + HAS + EPS, Front and Rear Body Colored Bumper, Acoustic Green Shade Windshield Glass, Sun Roof with Tilt & Slide Function, LED Type High Mount Stop Lamp, Outer Mirrors + Coloured + Turn Signals + Power + Retractable, Colored Door Handles, Trunk Opener, Fuel Lid Opener, Door Power Lock, Power Windows, Front Seat Belt + 3 PBLR + 2 WIPF + FL, Rear Seat Belt + 3 PELR + X, Vertical Seat Adjuster (Driver), Head Rest x 3, 60-40 Split foldable seat, Centre Armrest, Adjustable Seat Belt Anchor, 4.2 Inch TFT Multi Information Display, Digital Clock, Electrochromic Interior Rearview Mirror, Fabric Sun Visor, Vanity Mirror D + P + Light, Audible Intermittent Front Wiper, All Auto Power Windows, Power Door Lock, Smart Entry + Push Start System, Window Defogger with Timer, Meter Illumination Control for Audio + HVAC + Shift, Illuminated Entry System with Ignition Key Room Lamp, 7 Inch Display Audio + AM/FM/DVD/AUX/USB + 6 Speakers, Rear Gas Integrated Antenna, Automatic AC, Heater, Cruise Control, Anti-Theft Engine Immobilizer System, New Design LED Headlamps, LED Front Fog Lamps, Rear Combination Lamp, Tire Pressure Monitoring System, Rear Fog Lamp, Child Restraint System (ISOFIX), LED Day Time Running Lights, Automatic Light Control System + Auto Cut, Colored License Plate Garnish, Single Exhaust Pipe, 3-Spoke Leather Steering Wheel with Audio Controls, Parcel Shelf, Floor Mats, Rear Parking Sensors, Rear View Camera with	Providing safe and secure travel for WHO staff in DPRK is a prerequisite for WHO's humanitarian work and is necessary for fulfilling the programmatic requirements. WHO currently relies on fleet of vehicles which are fairly old and are affected by frequent breakdowns thus hampering WHO's humanitarian work in the field. The frequent breakdowns are also causing higher maintenance cost to the organization. The request for the procurement of hybrid vehicle is timely as this will reduce dependence on conventional fuel further benefitting the organization with lower running expenses. The two Toyota Landcruiser are being requested to enhance WHO's capacity and capability for field monitoring of its projects. These regular field visits are carried out by staff working in the WHO Country Office and are often required to travel outside Pyongyang to carry out monitoring of projects including verification of equipment/consumables being given by WHO to Ministry of Public Health for humanitarian purposes. The newly procured Landcruiser will bring in better operational efficiency, reliability and safety of WHO staff members.	US\$ 36,926.40	The shipment has departed from Dubai and arrived in Indian Port to transfer to Nampo Port or via Dandong border waiting for government permission for importation since August 2020. The shipment are expected to be delivered to Nampo Port, by a DPRK local feeder vessel assigned by the DPRK government or through Dandong border when authorized by DPRK authorities.	a) Supplier: UNHRD, International Humanitarian City Dubai Industrial City Phase 2 Nearast Landmark DWG, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Tel: 97145813800, Email: unhrd.customerservice@ufp.org b) WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, New Delhi, India Metropolitan Hotel Office Block, Bangla Sahib Road, Gole Market, Sector 4, New Delhi 110 001, India c) WHO Country Office, 14 Hodong, Munsungdong, Pyongyang, DPR Korea, Email: vithanage@who.int, Tel: +85023817913 d) Global Service Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.	The vehicles will be custom cleared by a WHO staff designated by WHO Representative. The designated officer will custom clear and ensure that the vehicle is driven to the WHO premises. The vehicles will be tracked from the supplier to the delivery to WHO via WHO's global procurement system. A WHO staff under the guidance of the WHO Representative will track receipt at Pyongyang and follow up until the vehicles are custom cleared. By implementing these measures, WHO Country Office expects to minimize the possibility of diversion and ensure that this item is strictly used for intended purpose only.		
2	Annex - Procurement of one unit of Toyota Camry Hybrid Car and two units of Landcruiser Jeeps	S/AC/49/2020/OC/138	TOYOTA PRADO 2.7 x 2	202438299	TOYOTA PRADO 2.7 TR 2.7 AT L8 - SUNROOF / TRUSCO-GUTTER Engine: 2694 CC, 2.7 L, Petrol EFI, VVTi, 14, DOHC, 16V, HP/RPM (EEC) 163/5200, Torque 20.9KG/RPM (EEC) 251/3900. Transmission: 6-Speed AT Fuel Tank Capacity: 87 L Suspension: Front: Double Wishbone Rear: 4-Link Coil Tyres: 245/70 R17 - Steel Wheels Brakes: Front & Rear: V. Disc Dimensions: 4840 x 1885 x 1845 (L x W x H) mm Wheel Base: 2790 mm Ground Clearance: 215 mm Min. Turning Radius: 5.8 M Seats: 7 Seats (Fabric) Other Features: D + P Air Bags, ABS + EBD + BA + VSC + TRC + ESS, Power Steering with Manual Tilt & Telescopic, Bumper # Front & Rear Coloured, Mud Guards # Front & Rear, Windshield Glass # Green with Top Shade, Rear Spoiler, Sun Roof, High Mount Stop Lamp, Outer Mirrors # Black Coloured + Retractable + Turn Signal + Power, Black Door Handles, Console Box, Front Seat Belt # 3 PELR + 2 + PT + FL, Rear Seat Belt # 3 PELR + 3 + PELR + 2, Power Window Support (Driver), Head Rest (3), 2nd Row Split Foldable Seat, 60-40 Split, Recline, Slide, Walk-In, 3rd Row Seat # 50:50 Split Foldable, Digital Clock, Interior Rearview Mirror D + Night, Sun Visor D + P + Vanity Mirror D + P, Adjustable Intermittent Front Wiper, Power Windows, Power Door Lock, Keyless Entry, Window Defogger with Timer, Illuminated Entry System, MP3/MP4/CD/MP5 Player + 6 Speakers, Gas Integrated Antenna, Single Manual AC, Rear, Cool Box, Anti-Theft Engine Immobilizer System, Standard Combination Meter, Rear Fog Lamp, Black Front Grille, Halogen Headlamps, Clearance Lamp, Manual Headlamp Levelling, Floor Mounted Spare Wheel, Urethane Steering Wheel & Gear Knob, Tire Pressure Monitoring System, Floor Mats. COLOR: WHITE	Providing safe and secure travel for WHO staff in DPRK is a prerequisite for WHO's humanitarian work and is necessary for fulfilling the programmatic requirements. WHO currently relies on fleet of vehicles which are fairly old and are affected by frequent breakdowns thus hampering WHO's humanitarian work in the field. The frequent breakdowns are also causing higher maintenance cost to the organization. The request for the procurement of hybrid vehicle is timely as this will reduce dependence on conventional fuel further benefitting the organization with lower running expenses. The two Toyota Landcruiser are being requested to enhance WHO's capacity and capability for field monitoring of its projects. These regular field visits are carried out by staff working in the WHO Country Office and are often required to travel outside Pyongyang to carry out monitoring of projects including verification of equipment/consumables being given by WHO to Ministry of Public Health for humanitarian purposes. The newly procured vehicles will bring improved operational efficiency, reliability and safety of WHO staff members.	US\$ 98,666.40	The shipment has departed from Dubai and arrived in Indian Port to transfer to Nampo Port or via Dandong border waiting for government permission for importation since August 2020. The shipment are expected to be delivered to Nampo Port, by a DPRK local feeder vessel assigned by the DPRK government or through Dandong border when authorized by DPRK authorities.	a) Supplier: UNHRD, International Humanitarian City Dubai Industrial City Phase 2 Nearast Landmark DWG, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Tel: 97145813800, Email: unhrd.customerservice@ufp.org b) WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, New Delhi, India Metropolitan Hotel Office Block, Bangla Sahib Road, Gole Market, Sector 4, New Delhi 110 001, India c) WHO Country Office, 14 Hodong, Munsungdong, Pyongyang, DPR Korea, Email: vithanage@who.int, Tel: +85023817913 d) Global Service Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.	The vehicles will be custom cleared by a WHO staff designated by WHO Representative. The designated officer will custom clear and ensure that the vehicle is driven to the WHO premises. The vehicles will be tracked from the supplier to the delivery to WHO via WHO's global procurement system. A WHO staff under the guidance of the WHO Representative will track receipt at Pyongyang and follow up until the vehicles are custom cleared. By implementing these measures, WHO Country Office expects to minimize the possibility of diversion and ensure that this item is strictly used for intended purpose only.		

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26 September 2019

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 September 2019, requesting the Committee for an exemption in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), to allow the import of three vehicles for the exclusive use of the WHO Country Office in the DPRK in order to provide safe and secure travel to WHO staff, which is a prerequisite for WHO's humanitarian work and necessary for fulfilling its programmatic requirements in the DPRK, and would enhance WHO's capacity and capability for field monitoring of its projects.

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 three vehicles outlined in your letter within the next six months, which is enclosed in this letter as an attachment. The vehicles 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
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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
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pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Attachment:

- List of Items and Services for Transfer to the DPRK