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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
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Attachment:

- List of Items and Services 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 1 - One unit of Toyota Camry Hybrid	Pending	Motor Vehical with Hybrid technology	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	One unit of Toyota Camry Hybrid version	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.	US\$ 46000				<p>Subject to clearance by Sanctions Committee, the details of supplier, mode and route of shipment can only be ascertained after bidding and shortlisting of vendor. This information can be provided once available by WHO to the Committee.</p> <p>a) Supplier has not been identified at this stage and this is subject to clearance by Sanctions Committee. This information can be provided once available by WHO to the Committee.</p> <p>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</p> <p>c) WHO Country Office, 14 Hodong, Munsudong, Pyongyang, DPR Korea, Email: vithanagea@who.int, Tel:+85023817913</p> <p>d) Global Service Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.</p>	<p>The vehicle will be custom cleared by the Administrative Officer (AO) and in his absence, a responsible international officer designated by WHO Representative. The AO or the designated officer will custom clear and ensure that the vehicle is driven to the WHO premises.</p> <p>The vehicle will be tracked from the supplier to the delivery to WHO via WHO's global procurement system. AO under the guidance of the WHO Representative will track receipt at Pyongyang and follow up until the vehicle is 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.</p>
2	Annex 1 - Two units of Landcruiser	Pending	Vehicle with conventional fuel	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	Two units of Toyota Landcruiser	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.	US\$ 100,000				<p>Subject to clearance by Sanctions Committee, the details of supplier, mode and route of shipment can only be ascertained after bidding and shortlisting of vendor. This information can be provided once available by WHO to the Committee.</p> <p>a) Supplier has not been identified at this stage and this is subject to clearance by Sanctions Committee. This information can be provided once available by WHO to the Committee.</p> <p>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</p> <p>c) WHO Country Office, 14 Hodong, Munsudong, Pyongyang, DPR Korea, Email: vithanagea@who.int, Tel:+85023817913</p> <p>d) Global Service Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.</p>	<p>The vehicles will be custom cleared by the Administrative Officer (AO) and in his absence, a responsible international officer designated by WHO Representative. The AO or the designated officer will custom clear and ensure that the vehicles are driven to the WHO premises.</p> <p>The vehicles will be tracked from the supplier to the delivery to WHO via WHO's global procurement system. AO 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.</p>