21 January 2020

Dear Ms. Ushiyama,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 9 January 2020, requesting the Committee for an exemption pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017) to allow the shipment of items to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) for WFP’s humanitarian assistance activities addressing malnutrition and food insecurity of the civilian population of the DPRK, provided for in WFP’s Democratic People’s Republic of Korea Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2021).

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 WFP 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.

Ms. Coco Ushiyama
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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 WFP 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
## Annex I: List of Tools for FFA activities

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<th>Description</th>
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| Hand-barrow (a rectangular frame with poles at each end for being carried by two people for moving soil/rocks) | Container Length: 55cm  
Container Width: 65cm  
Container Height: 7cm  
Container steel quality: Zinc Galvanized steel plate 08BD, C class  
Steel thickness: 1mm  
Chemical components: C: 0.05~0.12, Mn:0.25~0.5, Si:0.015 max  
S:0.025max, P: 0.03max, Ni:0.3, Cr:0.15  
Wooden frame(in pair):150cm  
Thickness of wooden frame: Middle part to be square: 4cm x 5cm  
Both ends to be round:4cm~3.5cm | 82019090 | 7500 | $12.00 | $90,000.00 | CHINA | Dandong | Siniuju | UN World Food Programme |
| Shovel | Steel quality: No. 45  
Solid & resistant to distortion  
Blade length: 25cm  
Blade width: 20cm  
Blade weight: 1kg(or less)  
Wooden handle length: 90mm  
Wooden handle diameter: 35mm  
Wood smoothened and suitable for tools (ex. Ash) | 82011000 | 5000 | $1.50 | $7,500.00 | CHINA | Dandong | Siniuju | UN World Food Programme |
| Pick-axe | Steel quality: No.45  
Blade diameter: standard  
Blade weight:2.5~2.8kg  
Length of blade: ca. 45cm  
One side of breath: 4~5cm(Flat)  
Other side of breath: pointed  
Hardness: standard  
Wooden handle: 70cm  
Wood smoothened and suitable for tools(ex.ash) | 82013000 | 5000 | $2.50 | $12,500.00 | CHINA | Dandong | Siniuju | UN World Food Programme |

**TOTAL** |  |  |  |  | **$110,000.00** |  |  |  |  |