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The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) presents his compliments to the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to its note verbale dated 8 January 2019, requesting the Committee for an exemption in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular to allow the import of items that the nongovernmental organization Première Urgence Internationale proposes to import into the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in the context of its three humanitarian projects currently implemented in South Hwanghae province:

- Project 1: “To improve children’s nutritional status and households’ resilience, through the reinforcement of goat rearing practices, in South Hwanghae province, DPRK”;
- Project 2: “Capitalization on animal food production knowledge”; and
- Project 3: “Réponse à la crise alimentaire prolongée par le renforcement de la diversité nutritionnelle dans les crèches et écoles maternelles”.

The Chair has the further honour to inform France that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the requested exemption in the abovementioned note verbale, in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), to transfer the items and services outlined in France’s note verbale within the next six months, which is enclosed in this note verbale 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 France 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.

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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.

The Chair has the further honour to inform France that this note verbale 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 France for its diligence.

The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

(Signed)

30 January 2019

Attachment:

- List of Goods and Services for Transfer to the DPRK