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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 Germany to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to its seven notes verbales dated 12 November 2018, requesting the Committee, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), for exemptions to allow for the delivery of goods intended to be used for humanitarian purposes by a German non-governmental organization working in the DPRK, Deutsche Welthungerhilfe - German Agro Action, for the following humanitarian activities:

- Supply of equipment for the production and storage of seeds (ref. 624/2018);
- Supply of equipment for the provision of safe drinking water (ref. 625/2018 and 626/2018);
- Supply of equipment for improvement of food supply (ref. 627/2018 and 628/2018);
- Supply of equipment for improving the nutrition situation (ref. 629/2018); and
- Supply of equipment for humanitarian disaster prevention (ref. 630/2018).

The Chair has the further honour to inform Germany that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the remaining requests for exemptions contained in the abovementioned notes verbales, in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), to transfer, within the next six months, the items and services outlined in Germany's notes verbales concerning the supply of equipment for the production and storage of seeds, the improvement of food supply, improving the nutrition situation, and humanitarian disaster prevention, which are 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 Germany 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 Germany that this note verbale 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 Germany 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 Germany to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

(Signed)
30 July 2019