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Dear Mr. Castellanos,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 3 October 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 authorize the procurement and shipment of materials that are urgently required for lifesaving humanitarian assistance in the DPRK, mainly related to water supply system items providing access to clean drinking water and improving sanitation for target communities, in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7.

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 IFRC 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.

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 IFRC for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Christoph Heusgen
Chair
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Attachment:

- List of Goods and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

ANNEX I

List of Water and Sanitation Material to Provide Potable Water and Improved Sanitation in Target Communities

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	I	M
	Decision	Material Description	Purchase Order	Material Specifications	Purpose	Value	Country of Origin	Port of departure	Port of entry	Parties involved in transaction	Measures to Ensure for Use of Intended Purpose	HS code	Planned date
1		PVC-U coupling/red ucer (64)	4866	Flange x socket with elastomeric sealing ring and bolts and nuts	Connector for water network changing pipe direction.	Total cost for 11 items: 4,880.25 EUR Transportation: 4,000 EUR	China	Dandong (China)	Sinuiju (DPRK)	Korea Kwanghung Trading Corporation. Factory: China - Shenyang Bull Pipeline Co. Ltd, Address: No 8 Kaifa North 2 Road, Economical & Technological Development Zone, Shenyang, -Hua ya dongying plastic corporation Address: No251 donger road, dongying city, Shandong province, China	Monthly / bi-monthly visits to village WASH constructions facilities by IFRC international / national staff.	7318159001	2019.10.8
2		PVC-U, Tee (16)	4866	flange x 3 with rubber packing, bolts and nuts	Connector for water network changing pipe direction.							7318159001	
3		PVC-U coupling/red ucer(9)	4866	flange x flange with rubber packing, bolts and nuts	Connector for water network changing pipe direction.							7318159001	
4		PE compression coupling/adapter (52)	4866	flanged with bolts and nuts	Connector for water network changing pipe direction.							7318159001	
5		Manual winch (8)	4866		for UPVC pipe connection							84662000	
6		Hook spanner (21)	4866	steel	Tightening bibcock's (taps) to pipes.							82041100	
7		PVC-U elbow (8640)	4866	female x copper thread, 90°	Connector for water network changing pipe direction.							73079900	
8		Heavy duty pipe wrench (12)	4866	adjustable grip head	Tightening pipes and adaptors including flanges and gate valves							82041200	
9		PE pipe cutter (11)	4866	with 2 spare blades	Cutting PE pipes							82055900	
10		UPVC pipe cutter (4)	4866	with 2 spare blades	Cutting UPVC pipes							68022110	
11		Scissors (12)	4866		cutting pipes							82119300	