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Dear Mr. Harzner,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 7 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) aimed at providing vulnerable populations suffering from acute food shortage with lifesaving assistance, in particular to allow for the procurement and import of agricultural machinery into the DPRK required for the project entitled "Improving Food Security for Vulnerable Families in Rural DPRK" with the overarching objective to improve the food security of the cooperative farm Chimgyo Ri in North Hwanghae Province, 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 Mission East 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. Kim Harzner  
Managing Director  
Mission East  
Brussels, Belgium

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 Mission East for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed)*

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

CC: UN Resident Coordinator a.i. in the DPRK, Pyongyang, DPRK

Attachment:

- List of Goods and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

Exemption Request- Mission East  
Food Security Program in DPRK  
7 October 2019

#	Item	Specifications	Quantity	Notes
1	Rice Thresher	capacity range c. 800-1200 kg / hr; mobile (mounted on wheels for use at field); diesel engine	3	Rice threshing is the first stage in processing rise once the rice has been cut in the field. It is the separation of the paddy kernel (the rice grain from the plant including the husk, and the brown rice) from the panicle (the branchy bits).  This gives capacity to thresh 30% of rice in one month - should contribute significant reduction in post harvest losses.☐
2	Rice processer/miller	capacity range 800-1500 kg/hour engine elect / diesel to be supplied	2	Paddy consists of the hull or husk (18-28%) and the brown rice (72-82%). Brown rice consists of: an outer layer (pericarp, tegmen and aleurone layers) called bran (6-7%); the germen or embryo (2-3%); and the edible portion The rice milling operation is the separation of the husk (dehusking) and the bran (polishing) to produce the edible portion (endosperm) for consumption.  This gives capacity to mill 30% of rice in one month - should contribute significant reduction in post harvest losses.☐
3	Maize sheller	capacity range 500 - 800 Kg/hour engine elect / diesel to be supplied	4	The maize sheller removes the maize kernels (the bit you put in hot oil to make your pop corn) from the cob (the bit you throw in the compost after eating sweetcorn).
4	Maize mill	70-100 Kg/hour	3	Maize mill crushes maize kernels into maize flour. ☐
5	Mild steel bar	8 mm	6.8 MT	Construction materials for 4 x Potato storages + greenhouses / sprouting rooms for following farms: Ryongdam-ri in Chonnae, Namchang-ri in Munchon, Kudang-ri and Rinwon-ri in Phangyo county
6	Mild steel bar	12 mm	6.8 MT	
7	Mild steel bar	18 mm	6.4 MT	
8	L-type steel	50*50*5 mm	1000 m	
9	U-type steel	50*100*5 mm	180 m	
10	Iron plate	1,2 mm, 6 m	240 m <sup>2</sup>	
11	Sandwich panel	50 mm, 2 m	120 m <sup>2</sup>	
12	PC sheet Fixing frames	Aluminium alloys, 6 meter	100 pc	
13	PC sheet Sealing frames	Aluminium alloys, 6 meter, pressure side	20 pc	
14	Fixing screw	10 cm	4000 pc	
15	Steel Band	Steel band 100m/roll	4 rolls	