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Excellency,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 20 December 2019, requesting the Committee, in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), for an exemption from the prohibitions on transfers to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to allow for the delivery of items intended to be used for humanitarian purposes in the DPRK by the agency Swiss Humanitarian Aid, which is part of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, in particular for the repair of a solar pump drinking water supply system, aiming to improve access to safe drinking water for rural communities and contribute to better health through improved sanitation and hygiene.

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 are 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 Switzerland 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.

His Excellency
Mr. Jürg Lauber
Permanent Representative of Switzerland
to the United Nations
New York

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 Switzerland for its diligence.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)

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

Attachment:

- List of Goods and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

Item	Customs tariff number China	Value
Submersible AC Drive pump, three phase, water filled 6"	HS 8501520000	1845 USD
Well probe sensor V2	HS 84139100	0 USD