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Dear Mr. Linton,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 31 December 2019 from the Counsel to the Eugene Bell Foundation (EBF), conveying to the Committee an exemption request pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017) to engage in humanitarian activities in the DPRK, in particular to authorize the shipment of supplies necessary to maintain and expand EBF's ongoing diagnosis and treatment program for multi-drug resistant tuberculosis and extensively-drug resistant tuberculosis in the DPRK, 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 the 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 EBF 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. Stephen W. Linton
Chairman
Eugene Bell Foundation (EBF)

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 EBF for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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

Attachment:

- List of Items and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

Attachment 1

Product Name	Manufacturer	Quantity	Country of Origin
Jinbei Haise	Renault Brilliance Jinbei Automotive Co., Ltd.	10	China