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Dear Ms. Aelbrecht,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 2 February 2020, requesting the Committee for an exemption pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7, to engage in humanitarian activities in the DPRK, in particular to enable prompt and proper diagnosis and management of cases of COVID-2019 should these arise and develop in the country, by providing the Ministry of Public Health in DPRK with essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and diagnostic items in accordance with the World Health Organization recommendations on COVID-2019.

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 MSF 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.

Ms. Liesbeth Aelbrecht
General Director
Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
Switzerland

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 MSF for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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

CC: Mr. Myo-Zin Nyunt, UN Resident Coordinator a.i. in the DPRK, Pyongyang, DPRK

Attachment:

- List of Items and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

MSF EXEMPTION REQUEST, ANNEX II: SANCTIONS COMMITTEE FORMAT

N°	Materials Description	HS Codes	MSF Codes	Item Description	Quantity	Packaging	Spécification	Purpose	Value € - \$	Origin	Port of Departure	Port of Entry	Parties involved in the transaction	Monitoring
1	Personal Protective Equipment for medical activities	90049090	SPPEGOPWV1	GOGGLES PANORAMIC, wide nose, indirect ventilation	500	1		In preparation of Coronavirus	5,900.00 €	France	France	Waiting the Supplier and freight details	The supplier is MSF Logistique, France. Waiting on the freight details.	MSF teams will ensure that items linked to 2019-nCoV are used in accordance to relevant guidelines
2	Personal Protective Equipment for medical activities	90189084	SPPEGOPRV1	GOGGLES PANORAMIC, regular nose, indirect ventilation	300	1		In preparation of Coronavirus	1,200.00 €	France	France	Waiting the Supplier and freight details	The supplier is MSF Logistique, France. Waiting on the freight details.	MSF teams will ensure that items linked to 2019-nCoV are used in accordance to relevant guidelines
3	Personal Protective Equipment for medical activities	90189084	SPPEGOPSS-	goggles) ANTIMIST SPRAY, 500 ml	50	1		In preparation of Coronavirus	1,000.00 €	France	France	Waiting the Supplier and freight details	The supplier is MSF Logistique, France. Waiting on the freight details.	MSF teams will ensure that items linked to 2019-nCoV are used in accordance to relevant guidelines
4	Personal Protective Equipment for medical activities	90189084	EMEQSTET2--	STETHOSCOPE, dual head, 2 diaphragms, adult/child	80	1		In preparation of Coronavirus	800.00 €	France	France	Waiting the Supplier and freight details	The supplier is MSF Logistique, France. Waiting on the freight details.	MSF teams will ensure that items linked to 2019-nCoV are used in accordance to relevant guidelines
5	Transport, storage and sampling systems of biological material		STSSTRUUTM1	UNIVERSAL TRANSPORT MEDIUM+DOUBLE SWAB, 3ml, polyester tip	500	1		In preparation of Coronavirus	Waiting the Supplier for availability + prices	France	France	Waiting the Supplier and freight details	The supplier is MSF Logistique, France. Waiting on the freight details.	MSF teams will ensure that items linked to 2019-nCoV are used in accordance to relevant guidelines
6	Transport, storage and sampling systems of biological material		STSSTRUUTM2	TUBE UTM 3ml + SWAB, flocked tip, plastic flex. Stick	500	1		In preparation of Coronavirus	Waiting the Supplier for availability + prices	France	France	Waiting the Supplier and freight details	The supplier is MSF Logistique, France. Waiting on the freight details.	MSF teams will ensure that items linked to 2019-nCoV are used in accordance to relevant guidelines
7	Transport, storage and sampling systems of biological material	96170000	STSSUN62DSI	BOX ISOTHERMAL, triple pack., biological subst.UN3373 +pouch	30	1		In preparation of Coronavirus	1,200.00 €	France	France	Waiting the Supplier and freight details	The supplier is MSF Logistique, France. Waiting on the freight details.	MSF teams will ensure that items linked to 2019-nCoV are used in accordance to relevant guidelines

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8	Medical kits		KMEDMEXA1--	MODULE, EXAMINATION EQUIPMENT	30	1	See Annex III for kit composition	In preparation of Coronavirus	3,600.00 €	France	France	Waiting the Supplier and freight details	The supplier is MSF Logistique, France. Waiting on the freight details.	MSF teams will ensure that items linked to 2019-nCoV are used in accordance to relevant guidelines

MSF EXEMPTION REQUEST, ANNEX III: SANCTIONS COMMITTEE FORMAT

HS Code	MSF CODE	MODULE, EXAMINATION EQUIPMENT – LIST ITEMS	Quantity
85068080	PELEBATT06	BATTERY dry cell (R6/AA) alkaline, 1.5V	300
90251980	SMSUTHER1D-	THERMOMETER, ELECTRONIC, accuracy 0.1° C + case	300
90189084	EMEQOTOS1--	OTOSCOPE, halogen + SPECULA	30
90189084	EMEQSPHY1A-	SPHYGMOMANOMETER, one-hand manometer, Velcro, adult	30
90189084	EMEQSTET2--	STETHOSCOPE, dual head, 2 diaphragms, adult/child	30
90189084	EMEQSTET3OM	STETHOSCOPE, obstetrical, metal	30
90189084	SMSUDEPT1W-	DEPRESSOR, TONGUE, wooden	3000