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Dear Mr. Chelminski,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 25 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 allow for the transfer of diagnostic equipment and commodities for prevention and control of COVID-19 in the DPRK, aimed to enhance the diagnostics capacity in the country, thus ensuring timely treatment of the patients and prevention of spread of COVID-19 virus among the vulnerable population of the DPRK.

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 WHO 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. Robert Chelminski
Director, Administration and Finance a.i.
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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 WHO 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

S.No.	Material Description	Decision	Purchase Order	Specifications	Purpose	Value (in US\$)	Origin	Port of Departure	Port of Entry	Parties Involved in Transaction	Measures to ensure for use of intended purpose
1	Thermometer Infrared, no contact, handheld QTY : 600	Pending	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	Thermometer, infrared, no contact, handheld: Visiomed / Thermoflash LX-260TE 3 temperature Modes : body, ambient and surface Memories the last 32 temperature measurements (MEM) Vocal function: English, French, Spanish, Dutch, Italian, German Hygienic and non-invasive Temperature measurement in °C or °F Diagnostic by color codes displayed on the screen Batteries Included (2xAA)	The humanitarian assistance proposed is for the prevention and control of COVID-19 infection in the country. These include the equipment for screening fever cases for identification of suspected cases at the earliest so that the possibility of further transmissions is interrupted, equipment and accessories for diagnosis of cases for confirmation and initiate needful treatment and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and equipment for managing possible severe and critical cases in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) which are lifesaving. This will support MoPH in strengthening the capacity for emergency preparedness and response to the outbreak of COVID-19.	The supplies to be provided to DPRK are either to be procured, or already in stock and prepositioned in WHO warehouse in Dubai, and have been purchased in bulk and large quantities for all WHO emergencies worldwide. A detailed pricing for each set of items would be difficult to establish at this point but can be ascertained at a later stage if required by the Committee.	Subject to clearance by the Sanctions Committee, this information can be provided once available by WHO to the Committee. These emergency and preventive health care items are currently either to be urgently procured or pre-positioned in the WHO warehouse in Dubai and are expected to be delivered through DPR Korea Consular Office, Dandong City, China and then by road to Pyongyang, DPRK.			a) Supplier has not been identified at this stage and this is subject to clearance by Sanctions Committee. This information can be provided once available by WHO to the Committee. b) WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, New Delhi, India, Metropolitan Hotel Office Block, Bangla Sahib Road, Gole Market, Sector 4, New Delhi 110 001, India c) WHO Country Office, 14 Hodong, Munsudong, Pyongyang, DPR Korea, Email: vithanagea@who.int, Tel:+85023817913 d) MoPH - DPRK, Sochang-Don , Central District, Pyongyang City DPR Korea, E mail: bogon.moph@star-co.net.kp e) DPR Korea Consular Office, Zhongyang Dajle 10-1, Xincheng Qu, Dandong City, Liaoning Province, China, Tel: 0086-415-3850906.	In order to ensure that the goods provided to the MoPH/DPRK by WHO are used for their intended purpose and not diverted for prohibited purposes, WHO will take the following measures: Upon arrival at the designated destination in DPRK, WHO through its Country Office will clear the goods and physically accept them. This will be done by a WHO international staff member. All verified items will be handed over to the MoPH. This will be done through a formal handing over taking over note signed by both parties. By implementing these measures WHO Country Office expects to minimize the possibility of diversion and ensure that these items are strictly used for COVID-19 control and surveillance activities.
2	RT-PCR Machine-ABI 7500 QTY : 6	Pending	As above	The Applied Biosystems 7500 Fast Real-Time PCR system allows for greater sensitivity and variable excitation capacity. A novel 96-well design coupled with faster ramp rates yield faster results without compromising assay quality or extension times. With over 785,000 TaqMan Gene Expression assays, and validated Fast reagents, the Applied Biosystems 7500 Fast qPCR system is the original Fast solution. TaqMan probes are designed to increase the specificity of quantitative PCR, through hydrolysis probes. Contact us today to learn more about this easy to use ABI qPCR Machine.	As above	As above	As above			As above	
3	(ABI 7500 RT-PCR) TUBE PCR strip QTY : 6	Pending	As above	(MicroAmp) 0.2 ml, 8 tubes, pack-125	As above	As above	As above			As above	
4	ABI 7500 RT-PCR) CAP Microtube QTY : 6	Pending	As above	(MicroAmp) , 8 cap strip, pack-300	As above	As above	As above			As above	
5	(ABI 7500 FAST RT-PCR) Optical Well Plate QTY : 6	Pending	As above	PS, pack-20	As above	As above	As above			As above	
6	(ABI 7500 FAST RT-PCR) Adhesive Film QTY : 6	Pending	As above	(ABI 7500 FAST RT-PCR) Adhesive Film	As above	As above	As above			As above	
7	(ABI 7500 FAST RT-PCR) Bulb QTY : 6	Pending	As above	HALOGEN, 12V, 75W, GX5.3, Unit	As above	As above	As above			As above	
8	Viral specimen collection QTY : 1200	Pending	As above	Kit of 8 items	As above	As above	As above			As above	
9	Field Sample collection TY : 600	Pending	As above	Module, Samples Transport(8)	As above	As above	As above			As above	
10	Oxygen concentrators with Flow splitter, Oxygen prongs, nasal, nonsterile, single use, Oxygen tube, extension QTY : 20	Pending	As above	Device concentrates oxygen from ambient air. On 4 antistatic swivel castors, 2 with brakes. Integrated handle allows for easymoving and positioning. Oxygen sensing device is integrated and measures concentration at flow meter entrance. Four-stepfiltering of air-intake, including bacterial filter. All filters replaceable, coarse filter washable/reusable. Continuous monitoring withvisual and audible alerts, on low 'high output pressure, low oxygen concentration, power failure and battery test. Operatingconditions: Temperature between 5 to 45 degrees Celsius, Relative humidity max. 90% without condensation. Spare partsshould be required for operating at least one year.	As above	As above	As above			As above	
11	Portable ventilator QTY : 13	Pending	As above	a) Tidal volume up to 1,000 ml. b) Pressure (inspiratory) up to 80 cm H2O c) Volume (inspiratory) up to 120 L/min d) Respiratory rate: up to 60 breaths per minute. e) SIMV Respiratory Rate: up to 40 breaths per minute. f) CPAP/PEEP up to 20 cm H2O. g) Pressure support up to 45 cm H2O. h) FIO2 between 21 to 100 % i) Inspiratory and expiratory times up to at least 2 sec and 8 sec respectively j) I:E Ratio at least from 1:1 to 1:3. 2 Modes of ventilation: a) Volume controlled. b) Pressure controlled. c) Pressure support. d) Synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation (SIMV) with pressure support. e) Assist / control mode f) CPAP/PEEP Alarms required: FIO2, minute volume, pressure, PEEP, apnea, occlusion, high respiration rate, disconnection System alarms required: power failure, gas disconnection, low battery, vent inoperative, self-diagnostics If alarm silencing feature is incorporated, it must be temporary and clearly displayed when activated Air and externally supplied oxygen mixture ratios fully controllable Inlet gas supply (O2) pressure range at least 35 to 65 psi	As above	As above	As above			As above	
12	Pulse Oximeter QTY : 20	Pending	As above	Compact portable device measures arterial blood oxygen saturation (SpO2), heart rate and signal strength. Measuring range: SpO2 30 to 100% (minimum graduation 1%), Heart rate 20 to 250 bpm (minimum graduation 1bpm). Line-powered, or Extra-batteries/rechargeable batteries are required at least one year.	As above	As above	As above			As above	

13	Laryngoscope QTY : 20	Pending	As above	A hand-held device (i.e., non-endoscopic rigid type) intended to be used by anesthesia/emergency service personnel to manipulate the tongue, preventing it from obstructing the oropharynx and enabling a clear view of the trachea for the insertion of an endotracheal (ET) tube prior to the delivery of inhalation anesthesia and/or ventilation. It has a handle containing batteries to power its light (a small built-in light bulb or fibre-optic light) for airway illumination, and a curved or straight blade of various designs and lengths that can be hinged/interchanged or integral. Some types can be magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) compatible. This is a reusable device to improve respiratory status of a patient, and to help in the treatment evaluation of patients suffering from chronic respiratory disorders (e.g., asthma, emphysema). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large hollow, cylindrical, slightly ribbed handle • Handle made of either chromium-plated or stainless steel • Can be opened to insert two batteries (type LR14, size C, 1.5 V) • Stud contact, fitting various sizes and types of depressors 	As above	As above	As above	As above
14	Set of stainless-steel depressors QTY : 200	Pending	As above	Stainless steel	As above	As above	As above	As above
15	Endotracheal tube with cuff QTY : 200	Pending	As above	Disposal tracheal tube with guide wire	As above	As above	As above	As above
16	Carbon dioxide detector QTY : 20	Pending	As above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable • Colorimetric • Sizes compatible with child and adult endotracheal tube 	As above	As above	As above	As above
17	Portable ultrasound included probes with scanner QTY : 20	Pending	As above	High performance ultrasound scanner, System integrates scanner, 2 probes, matching trolley and video-printer Compact and lightweight, easy to transport and position, Alphanumeric keyboard with trackball and time gain control (TCG) Piezoelectric probes, electronically scanned: convex and linear, Imaging display modes: B, dual B, M, B and M Adjustable field-of-view, 6 level zoom, Imaging technologies: dynamic frequency imaging, multi-stage focusing, aperture control Depth range selection: convex sector image and linear image, 3 steps, Image orientation: lateral and vertical inversion (in B mode) Freeze function with storage of approx. 25 images, Measurements and analysis: Calibre control: trackball B-mode image: distance, area and circumference by ellipse and trace method, volume, ratio, gestational age, foetal weight, angle, Gestational table: user programmable M-mode: velocity, time interval, depth, heart rate, LV function Alpha-numeric & graphics: Text annotations and body markers Automatic display of: date and time, focal point setting, image orientation indicator, image scrolled position, distance scale mark, M-mode time mark, grey scale for calibration High resolution B/W monitor, approx. 25 cm diagonal (across), equals to 10 inch, fit with reflection filter bimage grey scale: 256 levels, Video output: 625 lines/frame Two transducer ports leave 2 probes permanently available, electronic switch between probes Data communication interface: RS232, BNC, IEEE, USB or equivalent Power supply: 220 V / 50 Hz, Convex abdominal probe, frequency range: 2.5 / 3.5 / 5.0 MHz	As above	As above	As above	As above
18	Resuscitator, adult QTY : 20	Pending	As above	Resuscitator to ventilate adult (body weight over 30kg), with compressible self-refilling ventilation bag, capacity: 1475-2000ml Resuscitator operated by hand, Ventilation with ambient air, Resuscitator shall be easy, to disassemble and reassemble, to clean and disinfect, and be autoclavable. All parts must be manufactured from high-strength, long-life materials and require no special maintenance or storage conditions.	As above	As above	As above	As above
19	Resuscitator, child QTY : 20	Pending	As above	Resuscitator to ventilate child (body weight 7-30kg), With compressible self-refilling ventilation bag, child, capacity: 500-700ml and non-rebreathing valve with pressure limiting valve, patient connector Resuscitator operated by hand, Ventilation with ambient air, Resuscitator shall be easy, to disassemble and reassemble, to clean and disinfect, and be autoclavable. All parts must be manufactured from high-strength, long-life materials and require no special	As above	As above	As above	As above