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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 5 March 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 for the shipment of disinfection kits for 30 hospitals and 2000 sets of personal protective equipment to the DPRK by the agency Swiss Humanitarian Aid, which is part of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, to support ongoing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to the territory 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 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 Items and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

Annex 1: Specifications of Hospital Disinfection Kits (Quantities per Kit, 30 kits in total)

Item	Specification	Quantity	Price	
			CHF	Total
WATA-standard	Procured in Switzerland; https://www.antenna.ch/en/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input Voltage: 100-240 VAC • Input Frequency: 47-63 Hz • Input current: 0.4A / 230 VAC • Output Voltage: 12 VDC • Nominal output current: 5A 	2	286	572
WATA Test	Procured in Switzerland; https://www.antenna.ch/en/	12	12	144
Power Adapter	Converts from Swiss plug to Chinese / DPRK plug	2	3	6
Current stabilizer 3 kW	input range 150 - 270V	1	126	126
Generator, 3.0KVA, 220V, petrol, noise reduct, portable	Type: Air Forced, 4-Stroke, OHV, Gasoline Engine, Min. Fuel Tank: 20L, Ignition System: Transistor Rated Frequency: 50HZ Rated Voltage: 220V Rated Output: 2.8KVA Max Output: 3.1KVA STANDARD EQUIPPED: Big Air Filter/Big Fuel Tank/ Big Muffler/ Fuel Gauge/ Voltmeter/ AVR/ Oil Alert/ Circuit Breaker/ Bracket for Battery DIMENSIONS(L x W x H): 680mm x 510mm x 540mm	1	343	343
Batteries for WATA Kit	BATTERY, 12V, 70 Ah, empty, dry charged	4	70	280
Sprayer, manual, back pack, 10l	Robust piston pump with high output and with the minimum number of strokes/minute Sprayer pump, brass or stainless steel Supplied with a lance and adjustable nozzle, 1.2m hose and belt for carrying.	2	140	280

Jerrycan, rigid, 20L, food grade plastic, screw cap 50mm	Recycled plastic not allowed. Suitability for drinking water (containing no toxic elements) Injection moulded screw cap of 50mm diameter minimum. Approximate weight 1kg per piece. Light colour only (white, yellow), UV treated for long-term outdoor use. Should resist 5 drop tests from 2m high, full with water	1	14	14
Jerrycan, rigid, 25L, with tap, screw cap min. 50mm	Recycled plastic not allowed. Suitability for drinking water (containing no toxic elements) Injection moulded screw cap of 50mm diameter minimum. Approximate weight 1kg per piece. Light colour only (white, yellow), UV treated for long-term outdoor use. Should resist 5 drop tests from 2m high, full with water	2	18	36
Handhold Luggage Scale	Max. Capacity: 50kg Batterie driven (AAA) LCD Display	1	2	2
SALT, iodized edible, 1kg bags	-	6kg	0.5	3
Goggles, plastic, with rubber string, eyes protection	Polycarbonate, long lasting, scratch resistant. Front and side protection. Length and angle of branches adjustable	2	6	12
General purpose cleaning gloves, rubber, in pair	first grade 100% natural rubber non toxic large (L) length: 300-330mm weight: From 60g to 100g for a pair	4	2	8
Plastic Bucket	70 l, red	1	5	5

1831 x 30 hospitals = grand total value CHF 55,000

Annex 2:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Kit - 2000 Kits (Quantities per kit)				
Item	Specification	Price (CHF)		
		Quantity	Unit	Total
Protective Mask	N95	1	3	3
Alcohol-based hand Rub	solution, 100ml, bottle	1	2	2
Gown	Single use, fluid resistant, disposable, length mid-calf to cover the top of the boots, light colours preferable to better detect possible contamination, thumb/finger loops or elastic cuff to anchor sleeves in place. Size L	1	3	3
Mask, Surgical	Medical/surgical mask, high fluid resistance, good breathability, internal and external faces should be clearly identified, structured design that does not collapse against the mouth (e.g. duckbill, cup shaped)	1	0.95	0.95
Face Shield	Made of clear plastic and provides good visibility to both the wearer and the patient, Adjustable band to attach firmly around the head and fit snugly against the forehead, Fog resistant (preferable), Completely cover the sides and length of the face, May be re-usable (made of robust material which can be cleaned and disinfected) or disposable	1	1	1
Goggles, plastic, with rubber string, eyes protection	Polycarbonate, long lasting, scratch resistant. Front and side protection. Length and angle of branches adjustable	1	6	6
General purpose cleaning gloves, rubber, in pair	first grade 100% natural rubber non toxic large (L) length: 300-330mm weight: From 60g to 100g for a pair	1	2	2

17.95 x 2000 sets = grand total value CHF 35'000

Annex 3: List of hospitals

Pyongyang (1)

Ryokpo district people's hospital

South Pyongan Province

Anju City people's hospital
Tokchon city No. 2 people's hospital
Sunchon city people's hospital
Yangdok county people's hospital
Taedong county people's hospital
Kaechon city people's hospital
Pyongson city people's hospital
Chollima county people's hospital

North Pyongan (5)

Jongju city people's hospital
Unjon county people's hospital
Kusong city people's hospital
Kwaksan county people's hospital
Ryongchon county people's hospital

South Hwanghae (4)

Songwha county people's hospital
Pongchon county people's hospital
Sinchon city people's hospital
Unchon county people's hospital

North Hwanghae province (5)

Goksan county people's hospital
Yonsan county people's hospital
Sariwon city people's hospital
Pongsan county people's hospital
Sangwon county people's hospital

South Hamgyong Province (2)

Kumya county people's hospital
Hamju county people's hospital

North Hamgyong Province (2)

Onsong county people's hospital
Sinam district people's hospital

Kangwon Province (2)

Tongchon county people's hospital
Ichon county people's hospital

Ryangang Province (1)

Hyesan city people's hospital