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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 19 May 2020, requesting the Committee for an exemption in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), to allow the import of items to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) pertaining to humanitarian activities WHO intends to undertake at the request of the DPRK Ministry of Public Health, including the import of laboratory equipment for vaccine preventable diseases, critical care equipment, emergency primary health care equipment, installation of a blood bag manufacturing plant, and diagnostic equipment for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis.

I have the further honour to inform you that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the items for which an exemption was requested in the abovementioned letter, in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), to transfer, within the next six months, the items and services outlined in your letter, 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 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.  
for Regional Director  
World Health Organization  
Regional Office for South-East Asia  
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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

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Annex Number &amp; Item Head</b>	<b>S.No. in attached annex</b>	<b>Items</b>
1	Annex 2 - Critical Care Equipment	9	Defibrillator Monitor Pacemaker x 2
		10	Compact Digital Ultrasound x 2
2	Annex 4 - Blood Bag Manufacturing Plant	24	Full automatic medical blood/infusion bag making machine x 1
		25	Full automatic medical blood/infusion bag tube welding machine x 2
		26	Blood bag and infusion bag mould x 2
		27	Disinfection plant x 1
3	Annex 5 - GeneXpert Systems	28	Test Cartridges CGXMTB/RIF-50 or GXMTB/RIF-ULTRA-50 x 800 (40,000 cartridges)
		29	GeneXpert Systems, 2 or 4 Modules with Computer x 25
		30	XPRT-Check kit (kits of 5 tests each) x 80
		31	GeneXpert Spare Module x 40
		32	Spare GeneXpert computer with software x 8
		33	Software upgrade x 50
		34	UPS x 35
		35	GeneXpert Spare Electrical Mother Board, or Power Card or Power entry Assembly, or Bar Code Reader x 12
		36	Minor maintenance tools and sub-components (Many minor various components such as screws, filters etc for preventive maintenance and repairs) x 50