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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 pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017) to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular to allow for the transfer of laboratory equipment for vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) in the DPRK, aimed at enhancing the diagnostics capacity in the country, thus ensuring timely treatment of patients and prevention of the spread of VPDs among its vulnerable population, which would contribute to reducing child mortality in the country.

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

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:

- Revised List of Items and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

S.No.	Item Head	Decision	Material Description	Purchase Order	Specifications	Purpose	Value (in US\$)	Origin	Port of Departure	Port of Entry	Parties Involved in Transaction	Measure to Ensure for use of intended purpose
2	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Thermal cycler X 1	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	AB Applied biosystems, 384-well, module 0.02ml aluminium, Veriflex blocks:null, temperature accuracy:±0.25°(35-99.9°), temperature range 0-100°, dimention 245*237*485mm, weight 11.4kg, PCR reaction volume 5-20ul, memory capacity 800 protocols, display 16.51 cm VGA 32k touch screen	To perform real time faster diagnosis of polio, measles, rubella and influenza	Subject to clearance by Sanctions Committee, WHO will initiate Request for Proposals to the suppliers. This information can be provided once available by WHO to the Committee.		Subject to clearance by Sanctions Committee, the details of shipment can only be ascertained after bidding and shortlisting of vendor. This information can be provided once available by WHO.		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 fernandot@who.int,Tel:+85023817913 d) MOPH - DPRK, Sochang-Don , Central District, Pyongyang City DPR Korea, E mail: bogon.moph@star-co.net.kp	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: WHO will procure and supply the equipment for human diagnosis and treatment which falls under humanitarian support. The procurement will be done via WHO's Regional and Global procurement system. After initiating the procurement process WHO will monitor the equipment from the point of procurement up until delivery to its office in DPRK. Upon arrival at the designated point of entry, WHO through its Country Office will clear the goods by customs and physically accept it at the point of entry. This will be done by an international staff member. At the point of entry, goods verification will be done by an international staff member and the same will also be conducted at the warehouse allocated for WHO supported supplies and logistics located at Pyongyang in DPR Korea. The laboratory scientist will maintain inventory of all the items arrived at the customs. These items then will be transported to the Central Medical Warehouse from where it will be handed over to MoPH. This will be done through a formal handing over and taking over note signed by both the parties. The installation of equipment will be done by MOPH/DPRK with the support from expert either from within the country or abroad. Upon completion of the installation, the WHO laboratory specialist with or without the Technical Officer in charge will visit, monitor and prepare the report on installation and their functionality. Equipment will be verified and monitored during the regular visits conducted by the WHO laboratory specialist to the national laboratory. MOPH and WHO joint monitoring team will monitor it's functionality at regular interval. The inventory of the list of equipment supplied to the National Laboratory will be maintained at the WHO Country office under the guidance of the Medical Officer, Communicable Diseases (relevant Technical Officer). The laboratory staff will maintain the inventory in a register as well as computer based for further follow-up.
3	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Ice crashing machine X 1	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	Ice production:20kg/24h, ice storage:10kg, freezing method: air-blast, water consumption<0.8L/h, compressor: R134a, evaporative temperature: -23.3°, material: stainless steel, power:180w, dimension: 300*493*547* mm, weight: 32kg	To keep viruses sample in the cracked ice under 4-8° C, it is essential.	As above		As above		As above	As above
4	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Vacuum Dryer X 1	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	Power:220V± 10V, 50/60Hz,1300w, temperature: room temperature+2-250°, volume: 53L, internal dimension: 415*370*344mm, external dimension: 710*505*550mm, timer:0-99H 60min, panel: 2	To keep the isolated viruses of polio, measles, rubella and influenza	As above		As above		As above	As above
5	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Fluorometer X 1	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	Display 7-inch touch screen, 360-650 nm, power:100w, 220V±22V, 50±1Hz, peak intensity repetition<1.5%, zeroline drift: ±0.3%(within 10min)	It is the essential equipment to test the sensitivity of influenza viruse to neuraminidase	As above		As above		As above	As above
6	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Lab Incubator X 2	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	Power AC 220±10%/50Hz±2%, temperature control:RT+2-65°, temp resolution:0.1°, input:330W,panel:2, interior dimention:450*400*450, time saetting:0-99H 60min, stability time<20min, accuracy:±0.2°@ 37°	It is the basic and fundamental equipment to use for cultivation under 36-37°	As above		As above		As above	As above
7	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Glass water stills for double distillation X 2	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	PH 5.0-6.0, conductivity 1.0-1.5us/cm, temp 25-35°, water:1L/ml, 3-100psi(20-700kpa), power 220 or 240V,50-60Hz, output:6kw	For cell cultivation, double distilled water should be used. So it is essential and fundamental equipmen for test .	As above		As above		As above	As above
8	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Benchtop Centrifugate X 2	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	Max. speed :6000 rpm, power:208-240V, 50-60Hz, max. volume:8*15ml (angle roter 8-place), max.RCF:3461*g, weight:8kg	To be used to perform centrifugation as the step to perform molecular diagnostic for measles, rubella, influenza	As above		As above		As above	As above
9	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Electronic balance X 4	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	Max. measurement:100-220g, repetitive error:±0.0002g, non-leaner error±0.0002g, stability<3sec, dimension:310*195*250mm, weight:5.7kg, power:200V AV, 50/60Hz	To weigh the sample and reagents for test of measles, rubella, influenza	As above		As above		As above	As above
10	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Exhauster X 4	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	35W, weight: 3.9kg, material: PC+ plastic, needed to be fixed on the ceiling 2-2.3m high from the ground, suspended ceiling >15cm, dimension: 30*30*@18cm ,7#alkaline battery is needed for remote control	To exchange the contaminated air into the clean air to avoid the infection in the laboratory for test of measles, rubella, influenza	As above		As above		As above	As above
11	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Air conditioner X 4	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	Aircon innerpc:880*295*195mm, outer pc:875*365*555mm, wind ventilation:630m3/h, noise (inner pc):18-42db, GB 21455:APF=4.73, power for warming: 1330(90-1825)-1050, power for cooling :795(80-1450), 220V/50Hz, netweight:30kg(outer)	To keep the temperature, available for test of measles, rubella, influenza	As above		As above		As above	As above
12	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	PH meter X 4	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	Measurement: PH, mV, pH: 0.00-14.00, accuracy: ±0.01pH, mV: from -1999 to 1999mV, -14.00PH, temperature:0.0-99.9°, power: AC (220±22) V, (50±1)Hz, it includes pH meter, E-201F pH electrode, standard reagent powder	To measure PH of the regents for test of measles, rubella, influenza	As above		As above		As above	As above

13	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Vertical autoclave X 4	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	50L, power for sterilization: 3.1kw, power for dry :0.8kw, power:220±10V, 50Hz±2%, max. temp:135°, max. pressure:0.22 MPa, time setting for sterilization/dry:4-120/30-240, size:600*500*1080mm	To sterilize all of the contaminated materials during the test of measles, rubella, influenza	As above		As above	As above	As above
14	Laboratory equipment for VPD	Pending	Spectrophotometer X 2	Would be issued subject to clearance by SC and completion of procurement process	350-1020nm,1200L/mm grating, spectrum width:6nm, weight:8 kg, accuracy:±2nm, wavelength repetition<1nm, stability:±0.004A/h@500nm, noise<0.3%, zero point adjustment: automatic, operation method: T,A,C, light: wolfram	To measure ELISA experiment result of measles, rubella, influenza	As above		As above	As above	As above