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Dear Ms. Lewis,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 19 June 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 a humanitarian agricultural assistance project addressing the critical issue of food availability in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular to authorize the import of agricultural supplies and materials for greenhouse construction, rice, corn and vegetable production to four cooperative farms in South Pyongan, North Pyongan and South Hwanghae provinces in 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 AFSC 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. Linda Lewis  
Country Representative for DPRK  
American Friends Service Committee

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 AFSC for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed)*

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

CC: Mr. Frode Muring, UN Resident Coordinator a.i. in the DPRK, Pyongyang, DPRK

Attachment:

- List of Items and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

**ANNEX 1: AFSC Exemption Request**

Item	Description	Standard	Unit	Quantity	Notes
1	Mini tractor with backload	12 hp	Pc	20	Distributed to work teams
2	Backpack sprayer with battery	15 L	Pc	40	For use by work team members
3	Greenhouse materials				Farm greenhouse construction; For use by partner farms
	Galvanized pipe	32 mm, length 6 mm, 60 pcs per set	Set	16	
	Steel wire	10mm, 500m/set	Set	16	
	Springs	160m/set.slot 6m/pc Spring 2m/pc, Slot 27 pcs + spring, 80 pcs/set	Set	16	
4	Nanoscale gel battery	150A	Pc	16	Distributed to farms
5	Dry battery	80A	Pc	8	
6	Portable water pump, (diesel)	3 inch	Pc	20	
7	Straw mat knitting machine		PC	1	Makes straw mats to cover greenhouses in winter, Maechon farm
8	Pesticides/herbicides				For use by partner farms
	Butachlor	60%EC	L	600	
	Quinclorac	50%WP	Kg	600	
	Pyrazosulfuron-ethyl	10%WP	Kg	400	
	Monosultap	80%WP	Kg	800	
	MCPA	80%WP	Kg	500	
	Seedling fertilizer	Wobida	Kg	500	
9	Plastic tray for rice	80 g, 561 holes	Pc	50000	Use by farms in transplanting
	Plastic tray for corn	80 g, 100 holes	Pc	20000	
10	Plastic sheet	0.07mm	M	100000	
11	Plastic sheet for greenhouse	10m*70m,0.12mm	Set	16	Farm greenhouse construction
12	Front tire for mini-tractor	12HP	Pc	20	Distributed to work teams