

9 March 2022

Dear Mr. Abdi,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 28 February 2022, requesting the Committee for an exemption, in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular to authorize the shipment of Walk-In Cold Rooms (WICR) Cold Chain Equipment, vital for UNICEF's vaccination programmes in the DPRK. I also note your request for a 12-month timeframe for the exemption, given the challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 your letter within the next 12 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 UNICEF 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.

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.

Mr. Omar Abdi
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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 12 months.

The Committee would like to thank UNICEF for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Mona Juul
Chair

Security Council Committee established
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Attachment:

- List of Items for Transfer to the DPRK

Program	Material Description	Specifications:	Purpose	Value	Origin	Port of departure	Port of entry	Parties involved in transaction	Measure to ensure for use of intended purpose
Health	vaccine cold chain equipment	<p>3 units of Cold room, walk in type, 40m3</p> <p>General description: Cold room, Haier PQS code:E001/003 Manufactured in: People's Republic of China Company: Qingdao Haier Biomedical Co., Ltd</p> <p>Technical specifications: cold room size:40m3 Power requirement: 220-240V 50/60Hz Refrigerant type: R404a Wall&ceiling panel finish Zinc polyester powdered coated Floor panel finish: Rubber corrugated Mounting options: Wall Ceiling Shelving system: Adjustable shelves only</p> <p>Accessories (per WICR unit): - 3mm thick non-slip embossed aluminum plate - Ice storage trays - A backup generator - PVC curtain - 4 Contactor (set) - 2 Temperature controller/Thermostat (set) - 1 Condenser fan 4D300 (set) - 1 Evaporation fan 4D300 (set) - 1 High and low pressure controller PS2-A7A (set)</p>	Required for storage of routine immunization vaccines at Point of Entry.	\$99,300.00	China	To be confirmed	Via Dandong, China to Sinuiju, DPR Korea	TBD	UNICEF staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.
Health	vaccine cold chain equipment	<p>General Description: Remote Temperature Monitoring Device PQS code: E006/075 Manufacturer's reference: U-COOL-LORA Manufactured in: People's Republic of China Company: Qingdao Haier Biomedical Co., Ltd</p> <p>Technical Specifications: Product type: Remote Temperature Monitoring System Mode of operation: Electronic Weight 0.64kg Minimum temperature: -40°C Maximum temperature: +80°C Display medium: LCD Display Main material: Gateway: Aluminium frame; Logger: ABS Dimensions: 160 x 100 x 33 mm</p> <p>MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES Accuracy: +/-0.5°C Power source: Mains + backup battery Battery type: Lithium Battery shelf life: 3 years Activated life: 36 months Memory capacity: Memory capacity (readings) 30 days on board, 10years on portal Alarm type Min logging interval: 1 minute</p>	Required for real time temperature monitoring of abovementioned walk in cold rooms.	\$2,817	China	To be confirmed	Via Dandong, China to Sinuiju, DPR Korea	TBD	UNICEF staff will provide regular end-user monitoring to ensure that the goods are used for intended purpose.