

17 January 2022

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 22 December 2021, informing the Committee that the World Health Organization was unable to import the items approved as part of the exemption granted on 29 January 2020, pursuant to paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No.7, pertaining to WHO's humanitarian activities, in particular the transfer of diagnostic equipment for telemedicine services and critical lifesaving healthcare to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), due to the closure of the borders by the DPRK as a measure towards outbreak control, high global demand of COVID-19 items leading to delays in procurement and global travel restrictions leading to limited transportation options, and requesting an extension of the previously granted exemption, for an exceptional 18 months, to complete the procurement and shipment of the relevant items as soon as possible after the opening of the borders by the DPRK.

I have the further honour to inform you that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the requested extension of the exemption until 17 July 2023, to complete the procurement and shipment of the relevant items outlined in the abovementioned letter, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017). In this connection, it is requested that WHO provide an update to the Committee of this humanitarian assistance project at the 12-month mark.

The Committee would like to thank WHO for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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Chair

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Mr. Robert Chelminski
Director, Administration and Finance
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World Health Organization
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New Delhi, India

Attachment:

- List of Items for Transfer to the DPRK

S.No	original request/approval	Annex and Item Head	Decision	Material Description	Purchase Order	Specification	Purpose	Value	Origin	Port of Departure	Port of Entry	Parties Involved in Transaction	Measure to Ensure for use of intended purpose
1		Annex 3 Diagnostic equipment for telemedicine services and critical lifesaving health care at Central and Provincial and county level institutions	As above	Stethoscope for Telemedicine x 14	202568242	Bell/Diaphragm(B/D)switch Transmit/receive mode: Provide synchronized auscultation between the clinician (transmit mode) and the remote physician (receive mode). Components/Parts: Stethoscope Auscultation Unit Chest piece Headset Bell Position Bandwidth: 20Hz-2000Hz Diaphragm High Frequencies: Up to 1000Hz Connection/Interface: PC connection line 3m	DPR Korea has an extensive telemedicine network between county, province and central hospitals. This network is used for tele-education and tele consultation. This has improved the access of quality secondary and tertiary care access to the general population. The equipment is beneficial for diagnosis of the critical cardiac related pathologies, fetal anomalies and respiratory illness. The equipment proposed also supports the strengthening of secondary care and tertiary care services for teleconsultation for diagnosis of different pathologies including quality of health services. These will also be used for enhancing the competency of health care workers for improving their knowledge. Health care workers at county and provincial level receive consultative services from specialists and these are utilized for capacity building of health care workers and disseminating the updated health information.	EUR4,130.00	China	Daian	Nampo	a) Supplies are already procured through the UN COVID Supply Portal 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, Mansudong, Pyongyang, DPR Korea, Email: wthanagen@who.int, Tel:+85023817913 d) MOPH - DPRK, Sochang-Don, Central District, Pyongyang City DPR Korea, E mail: bogon.moph@star-co.net.kp e) DPR Korea Consular Office, Zhongyang Dajie 10-1, Xincheng Qu, Dandong City, Liaoning Province, China, Tel: 0086-415-3850906.	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: Upon arrival at the designated destination in DPRK, WHO through its Country Office will clear the goods and physically accept them. All verified items will be handed over to the MoPH. This will be done through a formal handing over taking over note signed by both parties. By implementing these measures WHO Country Office expects to minimize the possibility of diversion and ensure that these items are strictly used for COVID-19 control and surveillance activities.
2			As above	Microscope for Telemedicine x 1	202568242	Digital/Video Microscope USB 2.0 Digital/Video Micromaster II Series 5,0" TFT LCD 3.0 megapixel camera: is built into microscope head for fast plug-and-play setup Software to capture, save, print images, for several on-screen calibrated measurements Electrical Requirements: 230V, 50/60Hz - Eye piece: 10x, 22-harmonic components optics - NosePiece: Reversed 4-position - Objectives: Phase Contrast Achromatics 4x ,10x, 20x, 40x, 100xoil - Focus: Coaxial focus system with tension adjustment and up-limit coarse focus - Illumination: 12V, 30W	As above	EUR6,998.00	As above	Daian	Nampo	As above	As above
3			As above	Digital ECG for telemedicine x 16	202568242	12-Lead Broad Frequency: 0.05-150Hz Filters: AC, drift, muscle Dynamic range: ± 10mV Electrode offset: ± 300mV per AAMI and EC-11 specifications Sensitivity: 5, 10, 20mm/mV Powerful analysis module Time programmed acquisition from 12s to 300s for different clinical needs Instant-on waveform, auto stabilization in 3 seconds PC connection by USB, auto-interpretation and measurements 12-Lead ECGs	As above	EUR 38,272.00	As above	Daian	Nampo	As above	As above
4		S/AC 49/2 D20/DC.1	As above	Portable Ultrasound Scanner x 8	202568242	Portable Ultrasound Scanner Cutting Edge Imaging Processing Technologies Realize remarkable ultrasound image 12.1" High-definition LCD monitor, 0-90 degree adjustable angle 2 Activated transducer Ports Cutting Edge Imaging Processing Technologies Realize remarkable ultrasound image Optimization key: Multi-parameters presets and one key image optimization Integrated smart workstation: large storage and convenient data management Built-in Lithium battery support at least 2 hours continuous work Data Interface: USB 2.0	As above	EUR38,464.00	As above	Daian	Nampo	As above	As above

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29 January 2020

Dear Mr. Allen,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 13 January 2020, requesting the Committee for an exemption pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017) to allow the import of items to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) for WHO's humanitarian assistance activities, in particular diagnostic equipment for telemedicine services and critical lifesaving healthcare.

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 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 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. David Allen
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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
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pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

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