

18 September 2023

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 4 September 2023, conveying to the Committee a request 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 the importation of IT items into the DPRK for the exclusive use of the Country Office and its personnel to facilitate the continued and effective operations of the WHO Country Office for DPRK in Pyongyang.

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 outlined in your letter within the next nine 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. Robert Chelminski
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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 nine months.

The Committee would like to thank WHO for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Pascale Baeriswyl
Chair
Security Council Committee established

Attachment:

- List of IT items to the DPRK

Item No.	Material Description	HS code	Make	Model	Manufacturer	Specifications	Country of Origin	Quantity	Estimated Value (USD) Per Unit	Purpose of item for project	Planned date(s) of transfer	Port of Departure	Port of Entry	Parties involved in transaction	Measure to ensure assistance is used for intended purpose / Monitoring Plan	Remarks
1	Access Switch		Cisco	C9200L-48P-4X-E	Cisco	Cisco C9200L 48 Port PoE Switch with redundnat power supply	Malaysia	2	800	Switch for WHO Staff	To be defined	To be defined	Nampo port or Sinuiju or Pyongyang	a) 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 b) WHO Country Office, 14 Hodong, Munsudong, Pyongyang, DPR Korea, Email: shamar@who.int, rik@who.int, Tel:+85023817913 c) MOPH - DPRK, Sochang-Don , Central District, Pyongyang City DPR Korea, E mail: bogon.moph@star-co.net.kp [FOR APPROVAL OF IMPORT ONLY] d) WHO Headquarters, Av. Appia 20, 1202 Genève, Switzerland	WCO DPR Korea will ensure that the the items procured are used for our intended purpose and not diverted for prohibited purposes, WHO will take the following measures: Upon arrival at the designated port, WHO through its Country Office will clear the goods and physically accept them. All verified items will be used by staff in WCO DPR Korea WCO DPR Korea.	All these items are -intended for the exclusive use of staff in WCO DPR Korea. Hand carrying all the items by International Staff to WCO DPRK, subject to border opening, is being considered as the first option for transfer. If the border opening is delayed, WHO will proceed with the shipment of critical equipment subject to approval by the Govt of DPR Korea.
2	ISP Router		Cisco	Cisco 1121x-8 Port	Cisco	ISP router	Malaysia	1	630	Internet Router	To be defined	To be defined	As above	As above	As above	As above
3	Firewall		Open System	Nexcom NSA 5130	Open System	Nexcom NSA 5130-OS1 Industrial Compute	See under Remarks	1	800	For Internet Connectivity	To be defined	To be defined	As above	As above	As above	This item has already been purchased by WHO (in bulk) and is currently stocked in WHO premises in New Delhi for installation in various SEARO offices. The item will be shipped from New Delhi, India (or hand carried by IP Staff subject to border opening as explained above)
4	Wifi Access Point		Meraki	MR46-HW	Meraki	Meraki MR46 Wi-Fi 6 Indoor AP	CHINA	10	570	For Internet Connectivity	To be defined	To be defined	As above	As above	As above	As above
5	VC Unit		Cisco	P 60	Cisco	Cisco P 60 VC Unit	Malaysia	1	570	Internet for WHO staff	To be defined	To be defined	As above	As above	As above	As above
6	Voice Rouer		Cisco	Cisco ISR4321-V/K9 Voice Router	Cisco	Cisco ISR4321-V/K9 Voice Router	Malaysia	1	2.500	Voice router for WHO Staff	To be defined	To be defined	As above	As above	As above	As above
7	Server Hardware		DELL	Dell PowerEdge R450 Server	DELL	Dell PowerEdge R450 Server	To be defined	2	4.597	Server for Domain controller /DNS	To be defined	To be defined	As above	As above	As above	As above
8	UPS For Network/Server		SANTAK	SANTAK C10K UPS Castle Series 10kva Online	SANTAK	SANTAK C10K UPS Castle Series 10kva Online UPS	To be defined	1	1.275	Un interrupted power supply for IT equipment	To be defined	To be defined	As above	As above	As above	As above
9	Laptops		DELL	Dell Latitude 5440), 14", i5-1335U, 8 GB, 256 GB, std	DELL	Dell Latitude 5440), 14", i5-1335U, 8 GB, 256 GB, std	To be defined	20	1,341	For staff	To be defined	To be defined	As above	As above	As above	As above
10	Printer		HP	HP Color LaserJet Managed MFP E78228dn	HP	HP Color LaserJet Managed MFP E78228dn	To be defined	1	3570	Printing	To be defined	To be defined	As above	As above	As above	As above
11	Printer toners and Cartridges		HP	CF214A CF214X Black- (CF500X), CYAN- (CF501A), YELLOW- (CF502A), Magenta (CF503A)	HP	Black Cartridge CF214A (10K pages) CF214X (17K500 pages). Black- CF500X . CYAN- (CF501A), YELLOW- (CF502A) Magenta (CF503A)	To be defined	10 units each toner	2.400	Printing	To be defined	To be defined	As above	As above	As above	As above