

6 August 2024

Dear Mr. Matheou,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 30 July 2024, requesting the Committee to grant an exemption, pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular to allow for the shipments to the DPRK of laptops for the use of the IFRC Country Delegation to support its continued and effective operations, in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7. I further note the request for a 12-month timeframe for the exemption due to uncertainties surrounding the timeframe for the movement of these items.

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), as well as an extended timeframe for the exemption on an exceptional basis, to transfer the items 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 matter, with a view to increasing efficiency and custom clearance.

The Committee further supports and approves IFRC 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.

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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 12 months.

The Committee would like to thank IFRC for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Pascale Baeriswyl
Chair
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Attachment:

- List of items for transfer to the DPRK

Annex 1 List of items for office daily operation

No.	Goods description	Specification	QTY	UoM	HS Code	For What Purpose	Purchase Contract No.	Country of Origin	Shipment No. vs Transport Method	Transport Route	Parties involved in the transfer & value
1	Laptop	HP Elitebook 840 G7	5	pcs		day-to-day work		China	by Air/land	China/Pyongyang	
2	Laptop	HP Elitebook 840 G8	5	pcs		day-to-day work		China	by Air/land	China/Pyongyang	