

29 August 2024

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 20 August 2024, conveying to the Committee a request for an exemption pursuant to with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular to allow for the transfer of laboratory equipment for vaccine preventable diseases (VPD), aimed at controlling and preventing the VPD, as well as equipping the National Laboratory to support quality diagnosis and management of diseases for the civilian population.

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 twelve 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 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.

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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.

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 WHO 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

**World Health Organization**

**1718 Committee Exemption Request for proposed humanitarian assistance:**

**[Name of proposed humanitarian assistance project]**

**Health Emergencies**

**Annex II: Detailed list of items and specifications for proposed humanitarian assistance**

Item No.	Material Description	Specifications	Country of Origin	Quantity	Value in USD	Purpose of item for project	Planned date(s) of transfer	Port of Departure	Port of Entry
1	CO <sub>2</sub> Incubator	CO <sub>2</sub> control: digital, adjustment range: 0-20% CO <sub>2</sub> , Volume: 56L, Electric load(230/115V, 50/60Hz): 1000W, Including stainless water tray 1pc	to be decided	1	6 000	The proposed lab consumables and items are to be used in central and provincial level health facility labs. The humanitarian assistance proposed is for the prevention and control of Vaccine Preventable Diseases and other communicable diseases in the country.	February 1, 2025	to be decided	
2	Deionzer	Bacteria: < 0.1 cfu/mL, 220V, 50Hz/72W, Operating temperature: 5-45°C	to be decided	1	500	as above	as above	to be decided	Nampo/Sinuiju as above
3	Benchtop Centrifuge	Max. speed: 6000rpm, 8x15mL, Max volume: 8x15mL(angle rotor 8-place)	to be decided	1	1 000	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
4	Vertical autoclave	Chamber volume: approx. 50L, approx. Chamber diameter 300mm and depth 500mm, with minimum 2 bin type. Weight: Down to	to be decided	1	6 000	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
5	TUBE CENTRIFUGE	PP, 15 mL, sterile, screw cap, rack-50, case-500, Case of 500	to be decided	20	1 600	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
6	TUBE CENTRIFUGE	PP, 50 mL, sterile, screw cap, pack-500, Case of 500	to be decided	20	1 620	as above	as above	to be decided	as above

7	STIRRER MAGNETIC, Benchtop	500 mL - 2 l, 500 - 2500 rpm, Dims.: approx., 7 x 7", 240V, 50 Hz unit	to be decided	2	1 349.4	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
8	Biosafety cabinet	SterilGARD III Advance SG-403 Class II Type A/B3 Hood - CALIBRATEDH25:H31	to be decided	1	2 000	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
9	Thermocycler	Rotagen Q 5 plex 3000	to be decided	1	2 000	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
10	Ice crashing machine	<p>The ice crusher is portable, of compact design and especially suitable for countertop use. It has a shaded pole gear motor, 24 rpm. The special height adjustment feature enables the use of any size container up to a maximum of 230 mm high. This is ideal for dispensing ice directly into a blender container.</p> <p>Convenient crushed ice Easily maintained Height adjustment allows direct filling of large containers</p> <p>Feed chute opening: 38x57 mm</p> <p>Production of 568 g of ice per minute.</p>	to be decided	1	1 000	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
11	96-well shaker	Benchmark SmartReader™ 96 Microplate Absorbance Reader with Incubation Synonym(s): Microplate reader, Absorbance reader, ELISA, 96 well plate, plate reader	to be decided	2	4 000	as above	as above	to be decided	as above

12	96-well centrifuge	<p>96-Well PCR Plate Centrifuge (4-Plate Rotor)Over-temperature protection and vibration protection  Safety lid-lock,open lid automatically  LCD display showing: RPM and RCF can be showed clearly  Program memory function  Timing setting function.  Speed: 500-2000 rpm, 500g max  Time range: 10sec-2h  Allowable Temperature: 5-40 oC  Power supply: AC 100V-220V 50/60Hz  Protection funstions: Lid opening protection,cavity overtemperature protection,vibration protection  Program memory: Yes  Weight: 7.6 kg  Dimensions: 400*300*200 mm</p>	to be decided	1	2 000	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
13	fluorescence microscope	<p>A fluorescence microscope is a light microscope used to stuA  fluorescence microscope is a light microscope used to study properties of organic or inorganic substances using the phenomena of fluoreescence and phosphorescence instead of, or in addition to, reflection and absorption.1.The optical system should be of color correction for infinity with antifungus property.  2. Sturdy stand with built-in power supply for 12 V 100 W Halogen Lamp with input voltage from 90-250V, 50Hz.  3. Transmitted light filters for day light, green and neutral; density filters built-in the basic stand  4. 6 position objective nose-pieces.  5. 3 position Trinocular head with 10X22 m FOV eyepieces dipole displacement (+5 to -5) upper eyes lid (pair) intra with inter papillary distance of at least 50 – 70 mm adjustable to</p>	to be decided	1	500	as above	as above	to be decided	as above

14	Vacuum Dryer	<p>Construction: External: 2MM Thick Internal : 2MM THKMOC: cGMP</p> <p>Surface Finish : External: Buffed to 150 grit matt finish Internal: Buffed to 220 grit mirror finish.</p> <p>Inlet &amp; Outlet: All dryers have a 5 micron pre filter r at the inlet and a manually infinite adjustable damper at the outlet.</p> <p>Door : Doors at provided at the front and / or rear side of the dryer. Door lips are lined with silicon rubber gasket to prevent any leakages. Suitable locking is provided for the doors.</p> <p>Air Circulation: Air circulation is done by specially designed recirculation blowers inside the dryer. The blower capacity, static &amp; design depends on the size and model of dryer.</p> <p>Heating: Dryers are normally supplied with either steam / electric / thermic fluid / hot water heating system. Suitable heating coils / calorifiers are provided in</p>	to be decided	1	2 000	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
15	Solar electricity panel	<p>The Nominal Operating Cell Temperature (NOCT) is the temperature reached by a solar panel under four standard environmental conditions: Sunlight hitting the solar panel = 800 watts/sq meter. Wind velocity = 1 m/s. Air temperature = 20°C (68°F) Panel angle = 45° from horizon. Solar Panel Nominal Voltage Cheat Sheet : Nominal Voltage, 12V, 20V ; Number of Cells, 36, 60 ; Open Circuit Voltage (Voc), 22V, 38V ; Max Power</p>	to be decided	1	200	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
16	voltage stabilizer	<p>VOLTAGE STABILISER (BIOBASE BEP-600). LCD display, 5-600V, max 300W, 220V</p> <p>Voltage Output Range5-600V(Resolution:1V)</p> <p>Current Output Range4-600mA(Resolution:1mA)</p> <p>Power Output Range1-300W(Resolution:1W)</p> <p>Input Voltage220V, 50/60Hz</p> <p>Parallel Output4 groups</p> <p>Timing Function1min-99h59min, adjustable</p>	to be decided	1	6 000	as above	as above	to be decided	as above

17	Bio Tec Synergy HT Fluorometer	<p>Operated using BioTek's Gen5™ or KC4™ Data Analysis Software</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dual-optics design, with separate fluorescence and absorbance channels</li> <li>• 3 mm top and 5 mm bottom fluorescence probes (standard configuration)</li> <li>• Optional 1.5 mm top/bottom, 3 mm bottom fluorescence probes (custom configurations)</li> <li>• Optional Time-Resolved Fluorescence (TRF) capability ("T" models, e.g., SIAFRT)</li> <li>• Fluorescence N ranges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard low-noise PMT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>¼ Excitation: 300 to 650 nm (200 to 700 nm with "T" models)</li> <li>¼ Emission: 300 to 700 nm</li> </ul> </li> <li>Optional red-extended PMT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>¼ Excitation: 300 to 650 nm (200 to 800 nm with "T" models)</li> <li>¼ Emission: 300 to 800 nm</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Absorbance N range of 200 to 999 nm</li> <li>• Absorbance OD range from</li> </ul>	to be decided	1	6 000	as above	as above	to be decided	as above
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