

2 December 2024

Excellency,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 28 October 2024, conveying a request from the Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCC), a Canadian non-governmental organization providing aid and relief in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), for an exemption pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2006) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No.7, to engage in humanitarian activities in the DPRK, in particular to allow for 1) the export of metal handles and lids for buckets, fingernail clippers, and safety pins and 2) the completion of two cash transfers of CAD8,500 each for the construction of wells at two pediatric hospitals, both for the benefit of the civilian population of the DPRK.

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 nine months, in accordance with the table 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.

His Excellency  
Mr. Robert Rae  
Permanent Representative of Canada  
to the United Nations  
New York

The Committee further supports and approves MCC 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 nine months.

The Committee would like to thank Canada for its diligence.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)

Pascale Baeriswyl  
Chair

Security Council Committee established  
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Attachment:

- List of items for transfer to the DPRK

***Mennonite Central Committee***

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

### ***Water filter bucket and basic supply relief and hygiene project***

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

**12/07/2024**

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