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2 December 2024

Excellency,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established to 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 a 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 pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

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

Item No.	Material Description	HS code	Make	Model	Manufacturer	Specifications	Country of Origin	Quantity	Value	Purpose of item for project	Planned date(s) of transfer	Port of Departure	Port of Entry
1a	Water bucket	392690			Letica Corporation	5 gallon food grade bucket with metal handle and lid, pre- drilled hole for filter placements and sticker with instructions	us		included with filter below	Filter removes bacteria and contaminants from water for safe, clean drinking water to pediatric patients and their families suffering from chronic diarrhea	Within 6 months of exemption approval and March 2025	ship by sea departing from Ephrata, PA, USA	Nampo, DPRK via Dalian, China
1b	Water filter	842121		SP 180 PointOne	Sawyer	filter plus bucket adaptor	us	500	\$20,000.00	Filter removes bacteria and contaminants from water for safe, clean drinking water to pediatric patients and their families suffering from chronic diarrhea	Within 6 months of exemption approval and March 2025	ship by sea departing from Ephrata, PA, USA	Nampo, DPRK via Dalian, China
2		821420: nailclipper				Hygiene kit with 1 nail clipper, 1 handmade cloth bag, 1 toothbrush, 1 bar bath soap, 1 comb 1 hand towel donated by MCC constituents	us	2300 in hygiene kits and 1,000 in relief kits		Provide pediatric patients with immediate access to basic hygiene supplies to assist in recovering from illness		ship by sea departing from Ephrata, PA, USA	Nampo, DPRK via Dalian, China
3	Metal water bucket handle and nail clipper in relief kit	392690: water bucket; 821420: nailclipper				5 gallon bucket with metal handle and lid contains 4 bars soap, 1 bottle shampoo, 4 bars laundry soap, 4 toothbrushes, 4 bath towels, 2 combs, 1 nail clipper, 1 box adhesive bandages, 1 pack sanitary pads from donated relief kit	us	1,000		Provide pediatric patients with immediate access to basic hygiene supplies to assist in recovering from illness		ship by sea departing from Ephrata, PA, USA	Nampo, DPRK via Dalian, China
4	Safety pins in infant care kit	731940: safety pins	0000			Infant care kits with 4 large, heavy-duty safety pins, 3 gown/sleeper, 3 onesies, 1 receiving blanket, 1 bar soap, 1 pair socks, 1 cap donated by MCC constituents	us	1,333		Provide pediatric patients with immediate access to basic hygiene supplies to assist in recovering from illness		ship by sea departing from Ephrata, PA, USA	Nampo, DPRK via Dalian, China
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