

3 December 2024

Dear Mr. Abdi

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 25 November 2024, requesting the Committee for an exemption pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No.7, to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular to allow for the procurement and shipment of the items to the DPRK vital for the completion of a water and sanitation project in line with UNICEF's programme activities in 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 12 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.

Mr. Omar Abdi  
Deputy Executive Director, Programmes  
UNICEF

The Committee further supports and approves UNICEF 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 UNICEF 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

DPRK UN Sanction Exemption Request – Additional items to be procured for WASH in 2024

Sno	Program	Material Description	Specifications	Purpose	Estimated Value	Origin	Port of departure	Port of entry	Parties involved in transaction	Measure to ensure for use of intended purpose
1	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	Steel plate	1 ton of Steel plate, Thickness 3mm, width 1,500mm, 6 meters length	Deliver safe water supply for 76,276 population assigned in 1 hospital & 1 clinic and for children of 3 school.	\$4,000.00	China	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	UNICEF International staff will provide monitoring to ensure that the supplies are used for the intended purpose.
2	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	Steel wire	98 kg of Steel wire, Diameter 3mm	Deliver safe water supply for 76,276 population assigned in 1 hospital & 1 clinic and for children of 3 school.	\$600.00	China	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	UNICEF International staff will provide monitoring to ensure that the supplies are used for the intended purpose.
3	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	Steel wire	227 kg of Steel wire, Diameter 1.2mm	Deliver safe water supply for 76,276 population assigned in 1 hospital & 1 clinic and for children of 3 school.	\$300.00	China	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	UNICEF International staff will provide monitoring to ensure that the supplies are used for the intended purpose.
			Total supply amount		\$4,900.00					