

FACT SHEET ON THE 2374 MALI SANCTIONS COMMITTEE (2017)

Chair (as of January 2019)

Ambassador José Singer Weisinger (Dominican Republic)

Mandate

Monitor implementation of the sanctions measures; designate those individuals and entities subject to the assets freeze, to review information regarding those individuals, and to consider requests for exemptions; designate those individuals subject to the travel ban, to review information regarding those individuals, and to consider requests for exemptions; establish such guidelines as may be necessary to facilitate the implementation of the sanctions measures; encourage a dialogue between the committee and interested member states and international, regional and subregional organisations, in particular those in the region, including by inviting representatives of such states or organisations to meet with the committee to discuss implementation of the sanctions measures; seek from all states and international, regional and sub-regional organisations whatever information it may consider useful regarding the actions taken by them to implement effectively the sanctions measures; and examine and take appropriate action on information regarding alleged violations or non-compliance with the sanctions measures.

Types of Sanctions

Travel ban and assets freeze.

The travel ban and assets freeze expire on 31 August 2020.

Number of Listed Individuals/ Entities

On 20 December 2018, the committee imposed a travel ban on three individuals: Ahmoudou Ag Asriw, Mahamadou Ag Rhissa and Mohamed Ousmane Ag Mohamedoune.

Listing Criteria

Individuals (travel ban) and individuals and entities (assets freeze) designated by the committee as responsible for or complicit in, or having engaged in, directly or indirectly, the following actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of Mali:

- engaging in hostilities in violation of the 2015 Peace and Reconciliation Agreement;
- · actions taken that obstruct, or that obstruct by prolonged delay, or that threaten the implementation of the agreement;
- acting for or on behalf of or at the direction of or otherwise supporting or financing individuals and entities identified according
 to the two designation criteria above, including through the proceeds from organised crime, including the production and
 trafficking of narcotic drugs and their precursors originating in or transiting through Mali, the trafficking in persons and the
 smuggling of migrants, the smuggling and trafficking of arms as well as the trafficking in cultural property;
- involvement in planning, directing, sponsoring, or conducting attacks against the various entities referenced in the Agreement, MINUSMA peacekeepers and other UN and associated personnel, including members of the Panel of experts; and international security presences, including the G5 Sahel Joint Force, EU Missions and French forces;
- · obstructing the delivery of humanitarian assistance to Mali, or access to, or distribution of, humanitarian assistance in Mali;
- planning, directing, or committing acts in Mali that violate international human rights law or international humanitarian law, as
 applicable, or that constitute human rights abuses or violations, including those involving the targeting of civilians, including
 women and children, through the commission of acts of violence (including killing, maiming, torture, or rape or other sexual
 violence), abduction, enforced disappearance, forced displacement, or attacks on schools, hospitals, religious sites, or
 locations where civilians are seeking refuge; and
- the use or recruitment of children by armed groups or armed forces in violation of applicable international law, in the context of the armed conflict in Mali.

Exemptions

Travel ban: as determined by the committee on a case-by-case basis on the grounds of humanitarian need, including religious obligation; where entry or transit is necessary for the fulfilment of a judicial process; where the committee determines on a case-by-case basis that an exemption would further the objectives of peace and national reconciliation in Mali and stability in the region.

Assets Freeze: Basic expenses; extraordinary expenses; judicial, administrative or arbitral lien or judgement; where the committee determines on a case-by-case basis that an exemption would further the objectives of peace and national reconciliation in Mali and stability in the region.

Delisting Procedures

Member states may at any time submit requests for delisting of individuals and entities inscribed on the 2374 Sanctions List. A petitioner seeking to submit a request for delisting can do so either directly to the Focal Point for Delisting or through their state of residence or citizenship.

Monitoring Mechanism/Panel of Experts

The Panel of Experts was appointed on 6 October 2020. Although resolution 2374 requested the Secretary-General to create, in consultation with the committee, a group of up to five experts, only four have been appointed since the establishment of the Panel:

Mr. Albert Kwokwo Barume, regional expert and Coordinator (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Ms. Sanaa Elhakim, humanitarian affairs (Egypt)

Mr. Ruben de Koning, finance expert (Netherlands,)

Mr. Aurélien Llorca, armed groups expert (France)

Their mandate expires on 30 September 2021.

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Decision-Making	Decisions are made by consensus and are deemed adopted if no objection is raised within five working days, or in urgent situations within a shorter period of time but usually no less than two working days.
	Members can place a hold on a proposed decision for six months. In extraordinary circumstances, the hold can be extended by up to three additional months; by the end of this period the pending matter shall be deemed approved unless the committee member concerned has objected to the proposal.
Committee Reporting to the Council	The committee, through its Chair, may report to the Council when it deems appropriate, or as required by the Security Council. Resolution 2374 stipulates that the Chair will report orally to the Security Council at least once per year.
	The Chair briefed the Council on 8 October 2019.
Open Briefings for Wider UN Membership	No open briefing has happened at this stage.
Summary of Committee Activities in 2019 - 2020	Meetings in 2020: (12 March, 3 April 5 August) Meetings in 2019: (13 February, 27 June, 3 July, 21 August, 9 December)
	Actions
	• 5 August 2020 meeting on Panel of Experts final report
	 3 April 2020 meeting with with Mali, Regional States to discuss implementation of 2374 sanctions measures 12 March 2020 meeting to discuss the Panel of Experts mid-term report
	 Visiting mission to Mali on 16 to 18 October 2019 by the chair of the 2374 Mali Sanctions Committee.
	 Five individuals were listed on 10 July 2019, subjected to the travel ban; they were subjected to the asset freeze on 19 December 2019
	 Meetings in 2019 on the Panel of Experts midterm report, sexual violence in Mali conflict, statements of case shared with the committee with Coordinator of Panel of Experts (ahead of new July 2019 designations), Panel of Experts final report, and chair's visiting mission
Member States Reporting Obligations	Resolution 2374 called upon all member states, particularly those in the region, to actively implement the measures contained in the resolution and to regularly report to the committee on the actions they have taken to implement them.

UN Documents

Security Council Resolutions

S/RES/2541 (31 August 2020) renewed the Mali sanctions measure until 31 August 2021, and the mandate of the Panel of Experts until 30 September 2021...

S/RES/2374 (5 September 2017) established a targeted sanctions regime on Mali.

Security Council Meeting Record

S/PV.8636 (8 October 2019) was a briefing by Ambassador José Singer (Dominican Republic) as chair of the Mali 2374 Sanctions Committee.

Reports of the Panel of Experts

S/2020/785 (13 August 2020) was the final report of the Panel of Experts.

S/2020/158 (28 February 2020) was the mid-term report of the Panel of Experts.

S/2019/636 (7 August 2019) was the Panel of Experts' final report.

S/2019/771 (24 September 2019) was the Secretary-General's letter on the appointment of four members of the Panel of

Other

SC/14064 (19 December 2019) was a press release by the 2374 Committee announcing the application of the assets freeze on the five individuals subjected to the travel ban in July 2019.

SC/13874 (10 July 2019) was a press release by the 2374 Committee announcing the addition of five new individuals to the Maii sanctions list, subjected to the