Letter dated 31 August 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011), in which the Committee presents its position on the recommendations contained in the sixth report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team established pursuant to resolution 1526 (2004) (see S/2015/648), which was submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of the annex to resolution 2160 (2014).

I should be grateful if the attached report could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Gerard van Bohemen
Chair
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011)
Recommendations contained in the sixth report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team: position of the Committee

1. On 1 June 2015, the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team submitted its sixth report to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) (S/2015/648). The Committee is of the opinion that all Member States should be made aware of the Monitoring Team’s recommendations and the position of the Committee on them. The paragraphs indicated in the present document refer to the recommendation paragraphs in the sixth report of the Monitoring Team.

Implementation of sanctions — Travel ban

2. In paragraph 36, the Monitoring Team recommended that the Committee annually inform all Member States which Special Notices had been updated [with additional information, including biometric data] in the preceding year, starting from July 2015. The Committee will act accordingly and will annually inform Member States, starting from July 2015.

Implementation of sanctions — Assets freeze

3. In paragraph 47, the Monitoring Team recommended that the Committee include a list compiled by Afghanistan’s Ministry of Mines and Petroleum of all licensed mining operations in the country, in the forthcoming communication with all Member States on illegal mining, in order to raise awareness and to enable private sector stakeholders to strengthen their due diligence processes. The Committee was not able to agree on this particular recommendation and so no further action will be taken.

Work of the Monitoring Team

4. In paragraph 56, the Monitoring Team recommended that the Committee invite the command of Combined Maritime Taskforce 150 to brief the Committee, with particular reference to their actions against Afghan narcotics, as that should inform the Committee's understanding of indirect financing sources for the Taliban and selected listed individuals and entities. The Committee will invite the command of Combined Maritime Taskforce 150, as well as relevant representatives of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and the Collective Security Treaty Organization, to brief the Committee, with particular reference to their actions against Afghan narcotics.