

## Active Security Council Sanctions Regimes: An Abridged History

The Security Council has used its Article 41 powers under the UN Charter to impose sanctions 30 times since it first established a mandatory sanctions regime on Southern Rhodesia in resolution 232 (1966). Currently, 15 sanctions regimes are in force, with the 751 Somalia regime dating back to resolutions 733 (1992) and 751 (1992) while the 2140 Yemen regime established in resolution 2140 (2014) is the most recent.

All current sanctions regimes are targeted, using one or more measures to signal, constrain or coerce states, entities or individuals to change behaviour. Different measures are frequently used in tandem to strengthen a regime: at present, arms embargoes (12), asset freezes (14) and travel bans (14) are part of almost all current regimes in force. In addition to the type(s) and scope of measures adopted, the strength of a sanctions regime is also determined by the institutional architecture that verifies compliance and non-compliance. A standalone sanctions regime is institutionally weaker than a sanctions regime with a committee, which in turn is weaker than one with a committee and a panel/group of experts or monitoring group (*different shades of blue in the table reflect these institutional variants*).

Security Council resolution numbers appear in bold followed by the year they were adopted in parenthesis. Only resolutions establishing, amending or ending a sanctions regime are referenced, not those renewing an existing regime without introducing any variations. Abbreviations for sanctions measures introduced, amended or continued appear below the respective resolution number.

- Sanctions Regime Only
  - Sanctions Regime and Committee
  - Sanctions Regime and Committee alongside Panel/Group of Experts or Monitoring Group
  - Terminated Regime
- AE: Arms Embargo, (P) Partial
  - AF: Asset Freeze
  - CE: Charcoal Embargo
  - DE: Diamond Embargo
  - DS: Diplomatic Sanctions
  - ES: Economic Sanctions
  - JR: Judicial Referral
  - NP: Non-Proliferation Sanctions
  - TB: Travel Ban
  - TE: Timber Embargo

