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Letter dated 17 December 2018 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#) 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 [2374 \(2017\)](#), containing an account of the Committee's activities from 1 January to 31 December 2018. The report, which was approved by the Committee, is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 ([S/1995/234](#)).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the report brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Olof **Skoog**
Chair

Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#) concerning Mali



Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) concerning Mali

I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) concerning Mali covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018.
2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of Olof Skoog (Sweden) as Chair and the representative of Ethiopia as Vice-Chair.

II. Background

3. By its resolution 2374 (2017) of 5 September 2017, the Security Council imposed a travel ban and an asset freeze on individuals and entities designated by the Committee in accordance with the listing criteria delineated in paragraph 8 of the resolution. Exemptions to the measures were provided for in the resolution. By the same resolution, the Council established the Committee to oversee the implementation of the sanctions measures and a panel of experts working under the direction of the Committee.
4. By its resolution 2432 (2018), the Security Council renewed the travel ban and assets freeze until 31 August 2019 on individuals and entities designated by the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017). Pursuant resolution 2374 (2017), the Council established a panel of four experts under the direction of the Committee. The Panel's mandate was renewed in resolution 2432 (2018) until 30 September 2019.
5. Further background information on the Mali sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual report of the Committee.

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

6. The Committee met seven times in informal consultations, on 5 February, 28 February, 8 June, 7 August, 12 September, 21 November and 13 December, in addition to conducting its work through written procedures.
7. During the informal consultations held on 5 February, the Chair introduced members of the Panel of Experts on Mali, and the Committee heard a presentation by the Panel of Experts on its anticipated activities during its current mandate.
8. During the informal consultations held on 28 February, the Committee heard a presentation by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts on Mali on the Panel's interim update, submitted in accordance with paragraph 11 (c) of resolution 2374 (2017), and discussed potential follow-up actions as contained in the report.
9. During the informal consultations held on 8 June, the Committee received a briefing by the Chair on his first visit to Bamako.
10. During the informal consultations held on 7 August, the Committee heard a presentation by the Panel of Experts on the Panel's final report, submitted in accordance with paragraph 11 (c) of resolution 2374 (2017), and discussed the recommendations contained therein.

11. During the informal consultations held on 12 September, the Committee heard a briefing by the Acting Special Representative of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) to the United Nations on the modalities of cooperation between INTERPOL, the Committee and the Panel of Experts in accordance with paragraph 11 (e) of resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#).

12. During the informal consultations held on 21 November, the Committee met with representatives of Mali as well as representatives of the countries of the region, including Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mauritania, Morocco and the Niger, pursuant to paragraph 9 (e) of resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#) and paragraph 2 (a) (v) of the Guidelines of the Committee for the conduct of its work.

13. Following the above-mentioned informal consultations, and in accordance with paragraph 104 of the note by the President of the Security Council ([S/2017/507](#)), the Committee issued press releases containing brief summaries of the meetings.

14. On 29 January, the Committee adopted the Guidelines of the Committee for the conduct of its work to reflect the provisions of resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#).

15. On 11 April, pursuant to paragraph 18 of resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#), the Chair of the Committee briefed the Security Council on the activities of the Committee.

16. This year, the Chair conducted two visits to Mali, from 25 to 27 March and from 3 to 5 December, to obtain first-hand information from key counterparts in Mali in relation to resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#) and to receive briefings on the political and security situation in Mali and the Sahel, including the implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali.

17. The Committee sent 34 communications to Member States and other stakeholders with reference to the implementation of the sanctions measures.

IV. Exemptions

18. Exemptions to the travel ban are set out in paragraph 2 of resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#).

19. Exemptions to the asset freeze are set out in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#).

20. No notifications or exemption requests were received by the Committee.

V. Sanctions list

21. The criteria for the designation of individuals and entities subject to the travel ban and asset freeze are set out in paragraph 8 of resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#). The procedures for listing and delisting are set out in the Committee's guidelines for the conduct of its work.

22. As at the end of the reporting period, no individuals or entities had been designated by the Committee on the sanctions list of the Committee.

VI. Panel of Experts

23. On 5 February, the Panel of Experts presented to the Committee its anticipated activities during its current mandate.

24. On 23 February, in accordance with paragraph 11 (c) of resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#), the Panel of Experts provided its interim update to the Committee.

25. On 1 May, in accordance with paragraph 11 (c) of resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#), the Panel of Experts provided a periodic update to the Committee.
26. On 7 August, in accordance with paragraph 11 (c) of resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#), the Panel of Experts provided its final report to the Committee.
27. On 28 September, following the adoption by the Security Council of resolution [2432 \(2018\)](#) on 30 August, the Secretary-General appointed four experts to the Panel with expertise in armed groups, finance, international humanitarian law and regional issues (see [S/2018/877](#)).
28. The Panel conducted visits to Belgium, Burkina Faso, France, Mali, Mauritania, the Netherlands, the Niger, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. In Mali, members of the Panel undertook visits to Bamako, Gao, Kidal, Mopti, Ménaka and Timbuktu.
29. In pursuance of its mandate, the Panel, through the Secretariat, sent 36 letters to Member States, the Security Council, the Committee and international and national entities.

VII. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

30. The Security Council Affairs Division provided substantive and procedural support to the Chair and the members of the Committee. Advisory support was also provided to Member States to promote understanding of the sanctions regime and facilitate the implementation of the sanctions measures. Induction briefings were also provided to incoming members of the Council to familiarize them with the specific issues relevant to the sanctions regime. The Division supported the visits of the Chair to Mali from 25 to 27 March and from 3 to 5 December.
31. To support the Committee in its recruitment of well-qualified experts to serve on sanctions monitoring groups, teams and panels, a note verbale was sent to all Member States on 5 December to request the nomination of qualified candidates for membership of the roster of experts. In addition, a note verbale was sent to all Member States on 24 May notifying them of upcoming vacancies on the Panel of Experts and providing information on recruitment timelines, areas of expertise and pertinent requirements.
32. The Division continued to provide support to the Panel of Experts, conducting an induction for newly appointed members and assisting in the preparation of the Panel's interim update submitted in February and its final report submitted in August. Also in August, the Secretariat circulated an updated handbook for sanctions experts, containing information to facilitate their work and to answer frequently asked questions that may arise during their term. The information is based on relevant United Nations rules and regulations, as well as practices and procedures established by the Secretariat.
33. The Secretariat continued to update and maintain the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List and the committee-specific sanctions lists in the six official languages and the three technical formats. Furthermore, the Secretariat implemented improvements concerning the effective utilization of and access to sanctions lists, as well as the further development in all official languages of the data model approved in 2011 by the Committee pursuant to resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, as requested by the Security Council in paragraph 54 of resolution [2368 \(2017\)](#).