

FACT SHEET ON THE 1988 AFGHANISTAN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE (2011)

Chair (as of 1 Jan 2022)	Ambassador T.S. Tirumurti (India)
Mandate	Oversee the implementation of the sanctions measures; designate individuals and entities; consider and decide upon notifications and requests for exemptions; consider and decide upon delisting requests; conduct periodic and specialised reviews of the entries on the 1988 sanctions list; examine the reports presented by the Monitoring Team assisting the committee; report periodically to the Security Council on the implementation of the sanctions measures; conduct outreach activities.
Types of Sanctions	Arms embargo, travel ban and assets freeze
Exemptions	Travel ban: entry or transit necessary for the fulfilment of a judicial process; where an individual travels to their country of nationality; cases where the committee decides that entry or transit is justified, including cases which support efforts by the government of Afghanistan to promote reconciliation. Assets freeze: for basic expenses; for extraordinary expenses.
Number of Listed Individuals/ Entities	135 individuals/five entities (last updated on 30 January 2019) Most recent listings: 2 November 2015
Travel Ban/Assets Freeze Listing Criteria	Individuals or entities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf of, or in support of the Taliban; • supplying, selling or transferring arms and related materiel to the Taliban; • recruiting for the Taliban; or • supporting acts or activities of those designated and other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with the Taliban in constituting a threat to the peace, stability and security of Afghanistan.
Delisting Procedures	Member states may at any time submit to the committee requests for delisting of individuals and entities inscribed on the 1988 sanctions list. Listed individuals and entities seeking to submit a request for delisting can do so either directly to the Focal Point for Delisting or through his/her state of residence or nationality. Requests made in 2021: 0
Monitoring Mechanism/Panel of Experts	The committee is supported by the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, which also assists the 1267/1989/2253 Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) (Da'esh)/Al-Qaida Sanctions committee. The Monitoring Team's current mandate expires in December 2022. It has ten members. Edmund Fitton-Brown (United Kingdom) serves as the coordinator. The monitoring team submitted its last report in April 2021.
Decision-Making	Decisions are made by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached on a particular issue, the chair should undertake further consultations to try and facilitate agreement. If consensus cannot be reached after these consultations, the matter may be submitted to the Council by the member concerned. The committee uses a written "no-objection procedure". Under this procedure, the chair circulates a proposed decision to all members of the committee and requests members to raise any objection they might have within five working days. In urgent situations, the chair may shorten this period. If no objection is received within the defined period, the proposed decision will be deemed adopted. Listing and delisting requests will be deemed adopted if no objection is received within a period of ten full working days. A committee member may request more time to consider a proposal by placing a hold on the decision. The committee shall ensure that no matter is left pending for a period longer than is provided for by a relevant resolution, or, where no time for a decision is provided for by a resolution, then six months from the end of the original no-objection period. At the end of the relevant period, a matter still pending shall be deemed approved.
Committee Reporting to the Council	Resolution 2255 requests the committee to report orally to the Council once per year, through its chair, on the state of the overall work of the committee and the Monitoring Team. Briefing by chair in 2022: 26 January (open meeting)
Open Briefings for Wider UN Membership	Resolution 2255 requests the committee chair to hold annual briefings for all interested member states. The committee held a joint briefing for all member states with the 1267/1989/2253 sanctions committee on 3 December 2021.
Summary of Committee Activities (1 Jan-31 Dec 2021)	The committee met once in informal consultations on 30 November. The committee additionally held informal consultations via closed videoconference on 24 February and 19 May and also conducted its work through written procedures. In these consultations, the committee heard briefings by the then National Security Adviser of Afghanistan, the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team, and representatives of OCHA, UNHCR, and the WFP. There were no new listings in 2021.

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Member States Reporting Obligations

Resolution 2255 calls on member states to respond to requests from the committee regarding information on listings, de-listings, coordination with the government of Afghanistan and the monitoring team. The government of Afghanistan is required to provide to the committee an annual report on the status of reportedly reconciled individuals who have been delisted by the committee in the previous year.

UN Documents

Security Council Resolutions

[S/RES/2615](#) (22 December 2021) was on the 1988 Afghanistan sanctions regime and addressed the provision of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan.

[S/RES/2611](#) (17 December 2021) renewed the mandate of the monitoring team supporting the 1988 Afghanistan sanctions committee for a period of one year.

[S/RES/1988](#) (17 June 2011) established a separate Taliban/Afghanistan sanctions regime, with a separate list of Taliban individuals and entities subject to sanctions and a new Afghanistan focused sanctions committee.

Other

[S/2021/486](#) (1 June 2021) was a letter containing the Monitoring Team's twelfth report to the committee.

[S/2021/1057](#) (31 December 2021) was from T.S. Tirumurti, chair of the 1988 Taliban Sanctions Committee, transmitting the 2021 annual report of the committee.