Letter dated 15 December 2020 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003) 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 1518 (2003), containing an account of the Committee’s activities from 1 January to 31 December 2020. 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 the present letter and the report were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Sven Jürgenson
Chair
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003)
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I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003) covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020.

2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of Sven Jürgenson (Estonia) as Chair and a representative of Indonesia as Vice-Chair.

II. Background

3. By its resolution 1518 (2003), the Security Council established the Committee and mandated it to continue to identify individuals and entities whose funds, other financial assets and economic resources should be frozen and transferred to the Development Fund for Iraq, in accordance with paragraphs 19 and 23 of resolution 1483 (2003).

4. By its resolution 1546 (2004), the Security Council decided that the arms embargo would not apply to arms or related materiel required by the Government of Iraq or the multinational force to serve the purposes of that resolution. The mandate of the multinational force was subsequently terminated.

5. Further background information on the sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual reports of the Committee.

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

6. Although the Committee held no meetings in 2020, it continued to consider relevant issues brought to its attention, conducting its work through written procedures.

7. The Committee considered issues relating to its sanctions list (see sect. V).

IV. Exemptions

8. There are no exemption provisions contained in the relevant resolutions.

V. Sanctions list

9. The criteria for the designation of individuals and entities as subject to the asset freeze are set out in paragraph 23 of resolution 1483 (2003). The guidelines for requesting listing and delisting are outlined on the website of the Committee.

10. During the period under review, the Committee received 20 letters from the Focal Point for Delisting established pursuant to resolution 1730 (2006), in relation to seven delisting requests involving seven listed individuals. Six of the requests are currently under review by a designating State and/or a State of citizenship, in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 (c) of the annex to resolution 1730 (2006).

11. In total, 12 entities and one individual were delisted in 2020 following requests from a Member State.

12. As at the end of the reporting period, there were 85 individuals and 49 entities on the sanctions list of the Committee.
VI. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

13. 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.

14. The Secretariat continued to update and maintain the United Nations Security Council Consolidated 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 the lists, as well as further developing, in all official languages, 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 Council in paragraph 54 of resolution 2368 (2017). Since November 2020, the notes verbales notifying Member States about listings on, delistings from and updates to the Consolidated List and the committee-specific sanctions lists have also been made available in Arabic, Chinese and Russian, in addition to English, French and Spanish, in order to facilitate the timely implementation of changes to the relevant lists.