

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

90-day report pursuant to paragraph 18 (h) of resolution 1737 (2006)

Mr. President,

1. I have the honour to present the report of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006), in accordance with paragraph 18 (h) of the same resolution. The present report covers the period from 20 March to 24 June 2014, during which time the Committee held one informal meeting, two “informal informal” meetings, and conducted additional work using the no-objection procedure envisioned by paragraph 15 of the guidelines for the conduct of its work.

2. I would like to start with the final report of the Panel of Experts’ current mandate. The Council received the report on 9 June and it is now available in all UN languages under document number S/2014/394. As always, the report includes observations that Member States may find useful guidance in implementing the measures in resolutions 1737, 1747, 1803 and 1929: and I remind all delegates here of the importance of conveying the report to your relevant sanctions implementation authorities back home. The Committee itself had the opportunity to discuss the report with the Panel on 2 June, as required by paragraph 2 of resolution 2105 (2013); and will consider whether any follow up action by the Committee is necessary taking into account the report’s conclusions.

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3. In its report, the Panel again notes that some States have indicated to the Panel a degree of uncertainty as to whether Security Council resolutions concerning Iran remain fully in force, as negotiations between the P5+1 and Iran enter a critical stage. I would like to take advantage of this briefing to emphasise once again that only the Security Council itself can alter the sanctions measures applied by the Council. Until there is a new resolution of the Council on this issue, the measures in resolutions 1737, 1747, 1803 and 1929 remain in full effect. The Committee stands ready to provide guidance to Member States on the application of the Council’s measures to any transaction; and urges Member States to report to the Committee any transaction they believe contravenes the measures.

4. In this vein, I would like to advise the Council that the Committee received a report from a Member State during the current reporting period (on 31 March) of the interdiction in the Red Sea by its naval forces of a cargo of conventional arms, including rockets, mortars and ammunition, which were allegedly loaded onto a vessel in the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas. The Panel of Experts, under the direction of the Committee, carried out inspections of the seized arms on 28 and 29 April. On 16 June, the Panel submitted its report to the Committee. The Committee met on 23 June to discuss this report with the Panel and is considering its response to this report.

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5. Similarly, the Committee wrote to Iran on 27 March in relation to a carbon fibre interdiction which I have referred to in my two previous reports, seeking Iran's comments. Regrettably Iran has not yet provided a response.

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6. On a happier note, cooperation between relevant Security Council Sanctions Committees, such as the 1737 Committee, with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), has continued. You will recall that, on 18 November 2013, the Chairs of six Security Council Committees and the President of FATF held a Joint Open Briefing to the UN Membership. On 30 April this year, the FATF President wrote to inform me that he had organised a meeting for 22 June between the FATF and financial experts from the sanctions expert groups, including the Iran Panel of Experts.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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ANNEX

During the reporting period, at the invitation of the countries concerned, the Panel of Experts conducted visits to Colombia (31 March to 1 April), Chile (2 to 4 April), Iraq (8 to 11 April), Austria (15 to 16 April), Israel (28 to 29 April), and the Philippines (21 to 22 April) to discuss the measures taken by these countries to implement resolutions 1737 (2006), 1747 (2007), 1803 (2008) and 1929 (2010).

The Panel of Experts and its individual members also participated in a number of relevant international meetings, conferences and seminars including the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group Workshop on Implementation of UNSCRs, Workshop for All Arab Countries on Implementing Security Council Resolutions, and the Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENAFATF) Workshop on the asset-freezing requirements of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001).