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## **Letter dated 15 December from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#) concerning Mali 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 \(2017\)](#) concerning Mali, 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)* José **Singer Weisinger**  
Chair

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



## **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 2020.
2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of José Singer Weisinger (Dominican Republic) as Chair and a representative of South Africa 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. Pursuant to resolution [2541 \(2020\)](#), the mandate of the Panel of Experts was extended until 30 September 2021. By its resolution [2541 \(2020\)](#), the Security Council renewed the travel ban and asset freeze until 31 August 2021 on individuals and entities designated by the Committee established pursuant to resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#).
5. Further background information on the Mali sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual reports of the Committee ([S/2017/1126](#), [S/2018/1124/Rev.1](#) and [S/2019/968](#)).

### **III. Summary of the activities of the Committee**

6. The Committee met twice in informal consultations, on 12 February and 2 March, in addition to conducting its work through written procedures.
7. In the light of the challenges to the Committee's usual procedures posed by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, including the limitations on holding in person meetings, and in order to ensure the continuity of its work, the members of the Committee agreed, on an exceptional basis, to hold a virtual meeting in the form of a closed videoconference on 5 August.
8. During the informal consultations held on 12 February, the Committee heard a presentation by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts on Mali on the Panel's midterm report ([S/2020/158/Rev.1](#)), submitted in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution [2484 \(2019\)](#), and discussed potential follow-up actions as contained in the report.
9. During the informal consultations held on 2 March, the Committee met with the representative of Mali and with 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.

10. During the closed videoconference held on 5 August, the Committee heard a presentation on the final report of the Panel of Experts on Mali (S/2019/636), submitted in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 2432 (2018), and discussed the recommendations contained therein.

11. Following the informal consultations held on 12 February and 2 March, and in accordance with paragraph 104 of the annex to the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2017/507), the Committee issued press releases containing brief summaries of the meetings.

12. On 17 November, pursuant to paragraph 18 of resolution 2374 (2017), the Security Council heard a briefing by the Chair of the Committee on the activities of the Committee (see S/PV.8777).

13. The Committee sent 30 communications to 14 Member States and other stakeholders with reference to the implementation of the sanctions measures.

#### **IV. Exemptions**

14. Exemptions to the travel ban are set out in paragraph 2 of resolution 2374 (2017).

15. Exemptions to the asset freeze are set out in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of resolution 2374 (2017).

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

#### **V. Sanctions list**

17. 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.

18. No entries were added to or removed from the list. As at the end of the reporting period, there were eight individuals on the sanctions list of the Committee, with three subject to the travel ban and five subject to both the assets freeze and the travel ban.

#### **VI. Panel of Experts**

19. On 30 January, in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 2484 (2019), the Panel of Experts provided its midterm report (S/2020/158/Rev.1) to the Committee.

20. On 8 July, in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 2484 (2019), the Panel of Experts provided its final report (S/2020/785/Rev.1) to the Committee.

21. On 6 October, following the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 2541 (2020) on 31 August, the Secretary-General appointed four experts to the Panel, with expertise in armed groups, finance, international humanitarian law and regional issues (see S/2020/986).

22. The Panel conducted visits to Burkina Faso, France, Mali, Morocco, the Niger and the United States of America. In Mali, members of the Panel undertook visits to Bamako, Gao and Timbuktu.

23. In pursuance of its mandate, the Panel, through the Secretariat, sent 58 letters to 24 Member States, the Security Council, the Committee and international and national entities.

## VII. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

24. 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.

25. The Division worked with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and the Office of Information and Communications Technology of the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance to facilitate the conduct of virtual meetings held by the Committee, through a variety of platforms.

26. 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 14 December to request the nomination of qualified candidates for the roster of experts. In addition, a note verbale was sent to all Member States on 4 June notifying them of upcoming vacancies on the Panel of Experts and providing information on recruitment timelines, areas of expertise and pertinent requirements. On 23 May, a vacancy announcement was also made available online at [careers.un.org](https://careers.un.org).

27. The Division continued to provide support to the Panel of Experts, conducting a virtual induction for newly appointed members and assisting in the preparation of the Panel's midterm report, submitted to the Committee in January, and its final report, submitted to the Committee in July. While COVID-19 pandemic restrictions impeded the travel of Panel members for much of the year, the Secretariat facilitated travel by Panel members to Member States, taking into account World Health Organization guidelines, national travel advisories and other COVID-19 related requirements. The Secretariat also organized a remote workshop on investigative techniques, held from 14 to 16 December, which was focused on investigative methods and tools for experts. In addition, the Secretariat organized training sessions for experts on the use of subscription-based analytical products and programmes, as well as databases and other research tools, to facilitate their monitoring and reporting work.

28. 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.