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Letter dated 29 June 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

On 21 April 2005, the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) (the Counter-Terrorism Committee submitted a work programme for the fifteenth 90-day period (S/2005/266)). Annexed hereto is the Committee's work programme for the sixteenth period, which covers the months from July to September 2005 (see annex).

The activities of the Committee will proceed in compliance with the provisions of Security Council resolutions 1535 (2004) and 1566 (2004).

The Committee will continue to work with Member States on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), guided by the principles of cooperation, transparency and equal treatment, and continue its efforts to complete the revitalization process. The Committee will remain focused on strengthening consensus within the international community on the importance of combating terrorism, taking practical measures designed to enhance the counter-terrorism capacity of States; helping to identify and address the problems faced by States in implementing Council resolution 1373 (2001); and contributing to the process of increasing the number of States that are parties to the relevant international conventions and protocols. All of these tasks will be fulfilled in accordance with the Committee's mandate, as set out in paragraph 6 of the resolution, to monitor its implementation.

The Counter-Terrorism Committee welcomes the support it has received from Member States, the United Nations Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations and appreciates the contribution by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Chairman

Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

Annex

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (1 July-30 September 2005)

1. The present document sets out the work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for its sixteenth 90-day period, from 1 July to 30 September 2005. This work programme updates that submitted for the fifteenth 90-day period (S/2005/266, annex).

Summary

2. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will:

(a) Continue close cooperation and coordination with the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate in order to make the Directorate fully operational in the shortest possible time;

(b) Focus on the review of at least 20 reports received from Member States and transmit letter to States in response to such reports;

(c) Include a preliminary assessment of possible needs for technical assistance, as appropriate, when the Committee reviews the States' reports. Also, the Committee will seek ways to strengthen its dialogue with potential donors and assistance providers, and will consider further initiatives to strengthen the Committee's role as facilitator of technical assistance;

(d) Continue to improve cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations and encourage them to seek further ways to help members implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee will give special consideration to the question of how it can best support those regional organizations that have members lacking the capacity to fully implement Council resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee will enhance its dialogue with international, regional and subregional organizations, including on how best to support regional organizations themselves in developing the capacity to help their members in this endeavour;

(e) Continue to develop a set of best practices to assist States in implementing the provisions of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), including in relation to the financing of terrorism, as well as in other areas set out in the resolution;

(f) Continue to urge States late in submitting reports to the Committee to submit these at the earliest opportunity, including through a proactive dialogue with States concerned;

(g) Continue to visit Member States in compliance with Security Council resolution 1535 (2004), in accordance with the procedures agreed by the Committee and with the consent of the State concerned, and to ensure that there is proper follow-up on visits that have already taken place;

(h) Continue to ensure transparency in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, including through meetings with the membership, use of the Committee website, and by developing a proactive communications policy;

(i) Continue to explore how to enhance cooperation and coordination between the subsidiary bodies of the Security Council related to counter-terrorism as well as their respective groups of experts.

General issues

3. In accordance with Security Council resolutions 1535 (2004) and 1566 (2004), the Counter-Terrorism Committee will continue its efforts, in close cooperation and coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, to ensure that the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate becomes fully operational, as soon as possible, with adequate expertise.

4. The Committee will be assisted in its implementation of this work programme by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, through implementation of the Executive Directorate's work programme, submitted to the Secretary-General and adopted by the Committee, in accordance with Security Council resolution 1535 (2004), which endorses the provisions of the proposal for the revitalization of the Counter-Terrorism Committee approved by the Committee on 19 February 2004 (S/2004/124).

Reporting to the Committee and review of reports

5. By 30 June 2005, the Committee had received 601 reports from Member States and others. They include 191 first reports from Member States, 166 second reports from Member States, 127 third reports from Member States, 94 fourth reports from Member States and 14 fifth reports from Member States. Also, the Committee has received nine report from others.

6. The Committee will continue to address the issue of States late in submitting their reports. The Committee welcomes the fact that, since the last publication of States late in submitting their reports (S/2004/982), 13 of those States have submitted their reports. However, the Committee continues to note, with great concern, that 71 States have missed the deadline for the submission of their respective reports. The Committee will continue to regularly publish an updated list of States late in submitting their reports.

7. In this regard, the Committee reminds Member States that reporting according to the timetable proposed by the Committee is one of the provisions of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), and calls upon all States that have not submitted their reports on time to submit them as soon as possible. The Committee stresses the importance of States remaining in contact with the Committee, with regard to the implementation of Council resolution 1373 (2001), and encourages those States that find themselves incapable of presenting timely reports to duly inform the Committee.

8. Emphasizing the importance of timely reporting, the Committee will continue to work with States to address this issue, taking into account their specific situations.

9. The Committee will continue to enhance its cooperation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, the Committee

established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and the Working Group established pursuant to resolution 1566 (2004), as well as the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the respective groups of experts. The Committee will seek to ensure that there is a full exchange of national reports, visit reports and other relevant information between and among the Committees and groups of experts, including with regard to visits to States and other official travel. As mandated in presidential statement PRST/2005/16, the Committee will consider how, in a coordinated manner, it might be possible to deal with the late submission of reports to all three Committees in a coordinated manner.

Facilitation of technical assistance

10. It remains a key objective for the Counter-Terrorism Committee to facilitate the provision of technical assistance aimed at strengthening the counter-terrorism capacity of States that strive to fulfil their obligations to implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), but lack the capacity to do so. The Committee stresses that responsibility for implementation of these obligations, including the preparation of reports to the Committee, rests with States. At the same time, the Committee recognizes the importance of facilitating the necessary technical assistance to States. The Committee will continue to discuss how it can best facilitate such assistance.

11. In order to ensure that the necessary assistance can be provided, the Committee will continue to work with States in order to identify their individual needs. To that effect, the Committee will include a preliminary assessment of needs for technical assistance when it reviews States' reports, when appropriate. The goal is to ensure that assistance is better tailored to the real needs of the various States.

12. The G-8 Counter-Terrorism Action Group provides significant counter-terrorism assistance, which constitutes support for the Committee's work. The Committee will seek further reinforcement of this cooperation. Moreover, the Committee will consider how to develop a closer relationship with the broader donor community, with the aim of ensuring that the necessary assistance is available in all areas of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001).

13. The Committee has developed the Directory of Counter-Terrorism Information and Sources of Assistance, which can be consulted on the Committee's website, http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/committees/1373/ctc_da/index.html. The Directory is designed to serve as a source of information on counter-terrorism-related best practices, model laws and available assistance programmes. The Committee has also produced an Assistance Matrix to collect updated information on requests received from States and on assistance offered by potential providers, including international, regional and subregional organizations. The Committee will consider how these information sources may be made more user-friendly, including by developing a database with the relevant information. In the meantime, the existing sources will be maintained and updated.

Guidance and dialogue

14. The Committee will continue to develop a direct dialogue with States about their implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). In this regard, the

Committee will continue its visits to Member States, in accordance with the general guidelines for conducting such visits, as well as the Framework Document for Committee visits to States, with their consent, in order to enhance the monitoring of the implementation of Council resolution 1373 (2001) and better identify possible needs for technical assistance. The Committee will ensure that these visits are properly followed up and that they are fully coordinated with relevant United Nations bodies and international, regional and subregional organizations.

15. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will continue to provide guidance to Member States about how to implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). Through its subcommittees and its Executive Directorate, it will continue to meet with representatives of States to discuss and clarify issues related to implementation. Also, the Executive Directorate will continue to participate in seminars and workshops, when appropriate and upon invitation, which provide an opportunity to provide guidance on issues related to the implementation of Council resolution 1373 (2001).

16. The Counter-Terrorism Committee welcomes all the work done in other relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to develop standards, codes and best practices in areas of relevance to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). While monitoring States' implementation, the Committee will bear in mind all the international best practices, codes and standards that are relevant to implementation of Council resolution 1373 (2001). Pursuant to Council resolution 1566 (2004), the Committee will continue to develop a set of best practices to assist States in implementing the provisions of Council resolution 1373 (2001) related to the financing of terrorism. The Committee will continue to consider in which other areas it could usefully develop sets of best practices to assist States in implementing the provisions of Council resolution 1373 (2001).

Cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations

17. The Committee encourages the relevant international, regional and subregional organisations to play their specific role in providing guidance for their member States on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). To that end, the committee will continue to strengthen its interaction with international, regional, and subregional organizations, including through ensuring an equitable geographical balance in its contacts with these organizations.

18. The Committee will continue to urge these organizations, where appropriate, to develop ways, as a matter of urgency, to assist their member States in this endeavour. The Committee will consider how it can best support those regional organizations with members that lack the capacity to fully implement Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and how best to assist the regional organizations themselves in developing the needed capacity to help members implement Council resolution 1373 (2001).

19. Pursuant to the action plan agreed at the special meeting of the Committee held on 6 March 2003, the Committee has been expanding its contacts and cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations. The Committee will continue to do so, including through implementation of the

declaration and the Follow-up Action Plan adopted at the fourth special meeting in Almaty from 26 to 28 January 2005.

Transparency in the work of the Committee

20. Transparency will continue to be a major objective of the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, including by developing a proactive communications policy.

21. The Committee will continue to communicate information about its activities on a regular basis, including through briefings by the Chairman to interested delegations.

22. The Committee will consider how the website (<http://www.un.org/sc/ctc>) can be further developed in order to become a better source of detailed information on all issues related to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001).

23. The Committee will continue to encourage all States to make direct contact with the subcommittees or the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate to seek any necessary clarification on the issues covered in their correspondence with the Committee or on any other issue. (Telephone: 212 457 1853; fax: 1 212 457 4041; and/or e-mail: charles4@un.org.) In addition, the Executive Directorate may, when deemed appropriate, contact States to seek further clarification from them on issues arising from their reports.
