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The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) (hereafter referred to as "the 1988 Sanctions Committee") presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations.

The Chairman has the honour to convey the following information on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1988 (2011), the adoption of which has modified the sanctions regime and the Consolidated List previously overseen by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities. A copy of the resolution is attached for ease of reference.

Additional detailed information about the 1988 Sanctions Committee, including updates to the 1988 Sanctions List, is available on the Committee's website: http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1988/.

THE 1988 SANCTIONS COMMITTEE

On 17 June 2011, the Security Council adopted resolution 1988 (2011), thereby deciding that all States shall impose an obligatory assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo with respect to the individuals and entities on the List established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) (the "1988 Sanctions List"), including individuals, groups, undertakings, and entities associated with the Taliban in constituting a threat to the peace, stability and security of Afghanistan. At the same time resolution 1988 (2011) established the new 1988 Sanctions Committee to carry out the tasks set out in paragraph 30 of the same resolution, including the maintenance of the 1988 Sanctions List.

THE 1988 SANCTIONS LIST

Through the adoption of resolutions 1988 (2011), the Security Council decided to transfer all names included in sections A ("Individuals associated with the Taliban") and B ("Entities and other groups and undertakings associated with the Taliban") of the 1267 Consolidated List as of 17 June 2011 to the newly established 1988 Sanctions List. Other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with the Taliban in constituting a threat to the peace, stability and security of Afghanistan, as designated by the 1988 Sanctions Committee, may be added to the 1988 Sanctions List.

In accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution 1989 (2011), the Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee has transmitted to the 1988 Sanctions Committee all listing submissions, delisting requests and proposed updates to the existing information relevant to sections A ("Individuals associated with the Taliban") and B ("Entities and other groups and undertakings associated with the Taliban") of the Consolidated List of the former Al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions Committee that were pending as of 17 June 2011. The 1988 Sanctions Committee will consider those matters in accordance with resolution 1988 (2011).

States should address any communications related to names previously included in sections A ("Individuals associated with the Taliban") and B ("Entities and other groups and undertakings associated with the Taliban") of the Consolidated List of the former Al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions Committee to the 1988 Sanctions Committee.

GUIDELINES

The Committee has decided that, pending the establishment of its own guidelines for the conduct of its work in accordance with paragraph 26 of resolution 1988 (2011), the Committee will be guided in its work, on a provisional basis and where appropriate, by the Guidelines of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, which were last updated on 26 January 2011. The Committee will continue to accord high priority to establishing its own guidelines for the conduct of its work and will keep Member States informed of further developments in this regard.

LISTING

In its resolution 1988 (2011) the Security Council decided that the acts or activities indicating that an individual, group, undertaking, or entity is eligible for designation under paragraph 1 of resolution 1988 (2011) include:

- (a) 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;
- (b) Supplying, selling or transferring arms and related materiel to;
- (c) Recruiting for; or
- (d) Otherwise 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.

In this connection the Chairman recalls that, when proposing names to the Committee for inclusion on the 1988 Sanctions List, Member States shall provide the Committee with as much relevant information as possible on the proposed name, in particular sufficient identifying information to allow for the accurate and positive identification of individuals, groups, undertakings and entities.

The Chairman further recalls that, when proposing names to the Committee for inclusion on the 1988 Sanctions List, Member States shall also provide a detailed statement of case, and that the statement of case shall be releasable, upon request, except for the parts a Member State identifies as being confidential to the Committee, and may be used to develop the narrative summary of reasons for listing described in paragraph 13 of resolution 1988 (2011).

DELISTING

Member States may submit to the Committee requests for the removal of individuals and entities from the 1988 Sanctions List, in accordance with paragraphs 19 and 21 of resolution 1988 (2011). Individuals and entities seeking removal from the List without the sponsorship of a Member State are eligible to submit such requests to the Focal Point mechanism established in resolution 1730 (2006).



COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN

In resolution 1988 (2011), the Security Council welcomed the Government of Afghanistan's desire to assist the Committee in the coordination of listing and delisting requests and in the submission of all relevant information to the Committee, and encouraged continued cooperation amongst the Committee, the Government of Afghanistan, and UNAMA. Specific provisions have been made in resolution 1988 (2011) in this regard.

When considering the proposal of a new designation, resolution 1988 (2011) calls upon Member States to consult with the Government of Afghanistan on the designation prior to its submission to the Committee, where appropriate. Member States are also encouraged to seek advice from UNAMA in this regard, where appropriate.

When considering the submission of de-listing requests, Member States are called upon to coordinate their delisting requests, as appropriate, with the Government of Afghanistan, to ensure coordination with the Government of Afghanistan's peace and reconciliation efforts.

EXEMPTIONS TO THE MEASURES

In resolution 1988 (2011) the Security Council decided that Member States may make use of the provisions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of resolution 1452 (2002), as amended by resolution 1735 (2006), regarding available exemptions to the assets freeze. Provisions for exemption to the travel restrictions are set out in paragraph 1 (b) of resolution 1988 (2011).

REVIEWS

To ensure that the 1988 Sanctions List is as updated and accurate as possible, the Committee has been requested to review each entry on this list on a regular basis, including, as appropriate, by means of reviews of individuals whom the Afghan Government considers to be reconciled, individuals whose entries lack identifiers necessary to ensure effective implementation of the measures, individuals reportedly deceased, and entities reported or confirmed to have ceased to exist. In this context, relevant Member States may be contacted by the Committee or the Monitoring Team as part of the conduct of these reviews.

MONITORING TEAM

The work of the 1988 Sanctions Committee will be supported by the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team established pursuant to resolution 1526 (2004).

The Chairman would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the Committee and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team stand ready to assist Member States in all issues related to the sanctions regime established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011).

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