

2021 informal report of the Focal Point for De-listing established pursuant to
Security Council resolution 1730 (2006)

The following is presented as the eighth informal report of the Focal Point for De-listing established pursuant to resolution 1730 (2006), covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021.

Background and overview

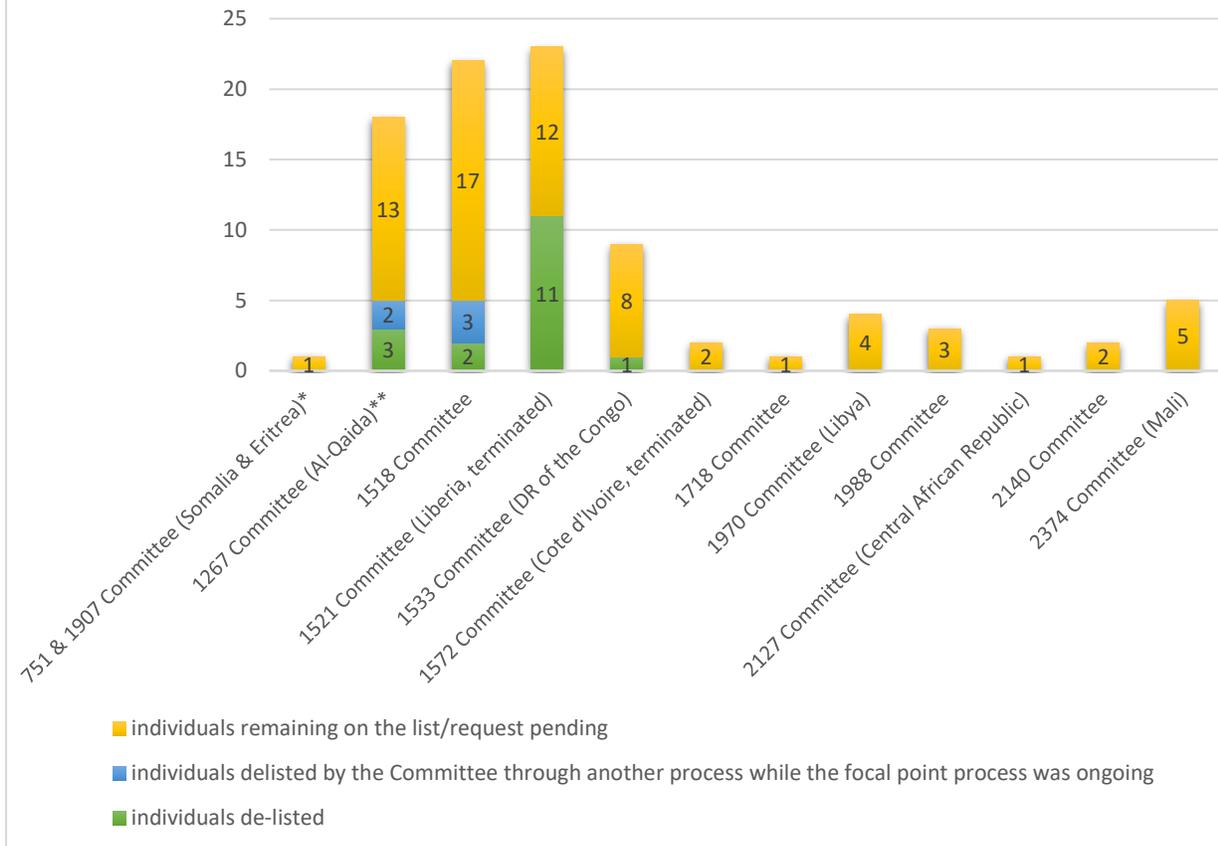
1. The Focal Point for De-listing, established within the Secretariat pursuant to resolution 1730 of 19 December 2006, receives de-listing requests from petitioners on all committee sanctions lists other than the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List, and performs the tasks outlined in the annex to that resolution.¹ Additionally, in accordance with resolution 2253 of 17 December 2015 and resolution 2255 of 21 December 2015, the Focal Point receives travel ban and assets freeze exemption requests from petitioners on, respectively, the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List and the 1988 Sanctions List. In accordance with resolution 2253, the Focal Point also receives communications from individuals de-listed from the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List as well as individuals claiming to have been subjected to the sanctions measures in relation to ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida mistakenly.²
2. The website of the Focal Point, available at <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/delisting>, provides more detailed information on its work and mandate, as well as on all above-mentioned procedures. The contact information of the Focal Point is also available on the website.
3. The following two-bar graphs reflect the number of individuals and entities involved in the submission of de-listing requests to the Focal Point since its establishment until 31 December 2021, as well as the number of individuals and entities de-listed through the Focal Point process during the same time period.³

¹ De-listing requests from petitioners on the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List are received by the Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 of 17 December 2009.

² Since the adoption of resolution 1730 (2006), the following resolutions have modified, or added to, the scope of the Focal Point's mandate: 1904 (2009), 1988 (2011), 2083 (2012), 2161 (2014), 2253 (2015) and 2255 (2015).

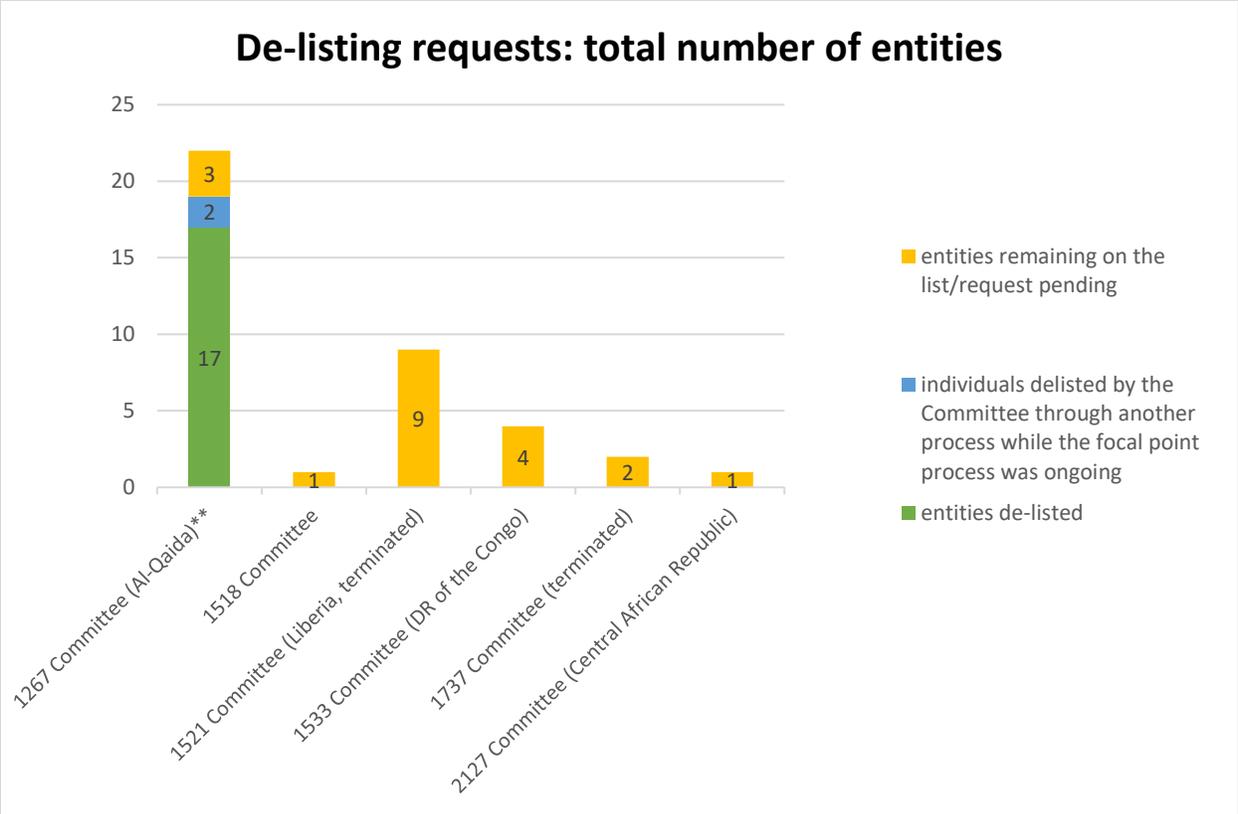
³ Please note that the number of individuals and entities involved in the submission of de-listing requests does not correspond to the actual number of requests received, which is much lower, as in some cases joint requests were submitted by two or more individuals and in other cases some individuals or entities submitted more than one request or some individuals submitted requests both on their behalves and on behalf of the entities associated with them.

De-listing requests: total number of individuals



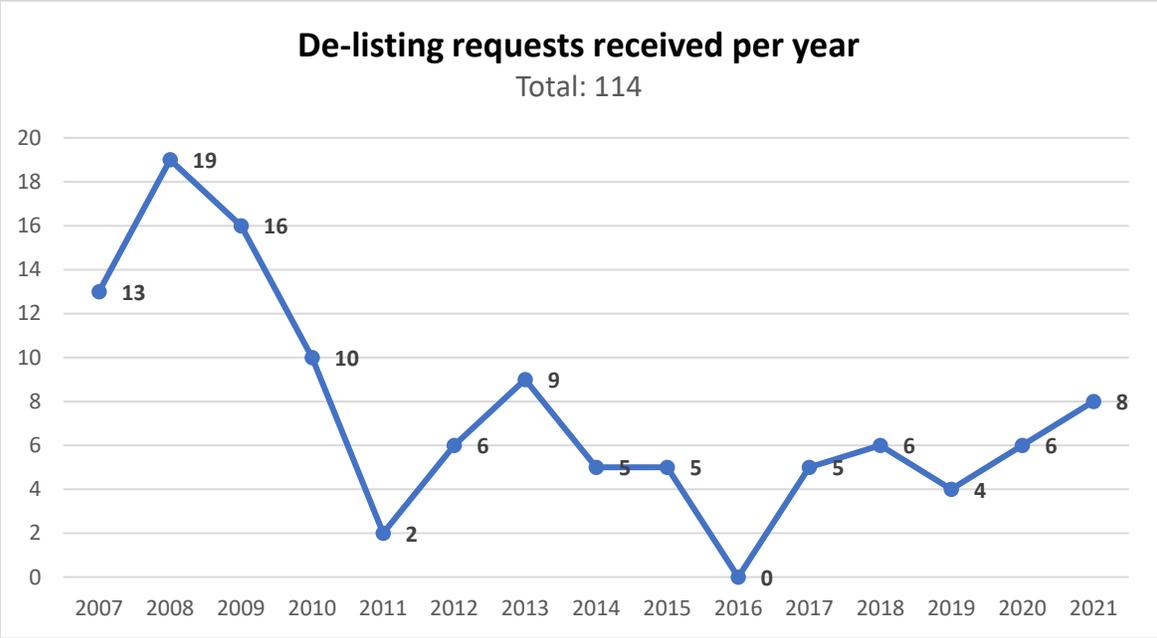
* Until 14 November 2018, when resolution 2444 (2018) was adopted, lifting the sanctions on Eritrea. Thereafter, this Committee is known as the 751 Somalia Committee.

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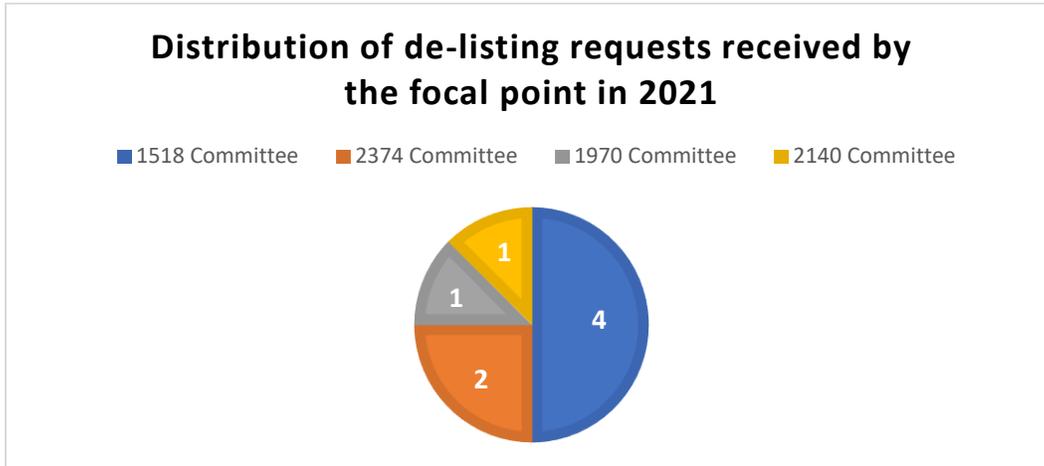
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4. The line graph below represents the number of de-listing requests received by the Focal Point each year since its establishment until 31 December 2021.



Activities

5. During the period under review, the Focal Point received eight de-listing requests concerning eight individuals whose names are inscribed on the 1518, 1970, 2140 and 2374 Sanctions Lists (two of these were second requests presented by the petitioners).



6. In three cases (involving two individuals inscribed on the 1518 sanctions list and one on the 1970 sanctions list), one or more reviewing States under paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 1730 (2006) indicated that they required an additional definite period of time to review the request, in accordance with paragraph 6(c) of the annex; therefore, the process of their consideration continues into 2022. In four other cases (involving 2 individuals inscribed on the 2374 sanctions list, one individual on the 2140 sanctions list and one individual on the 1518 sanctions list), the relevant Committees concluded their consideration of the de-listing requests and the four individuals remained on the Committees' Lists. As regards the eighth case, the petitioner was delisted by the 1518 Committee, pursuant to a request submitted by a Member State, while the focal point process was ongoing.

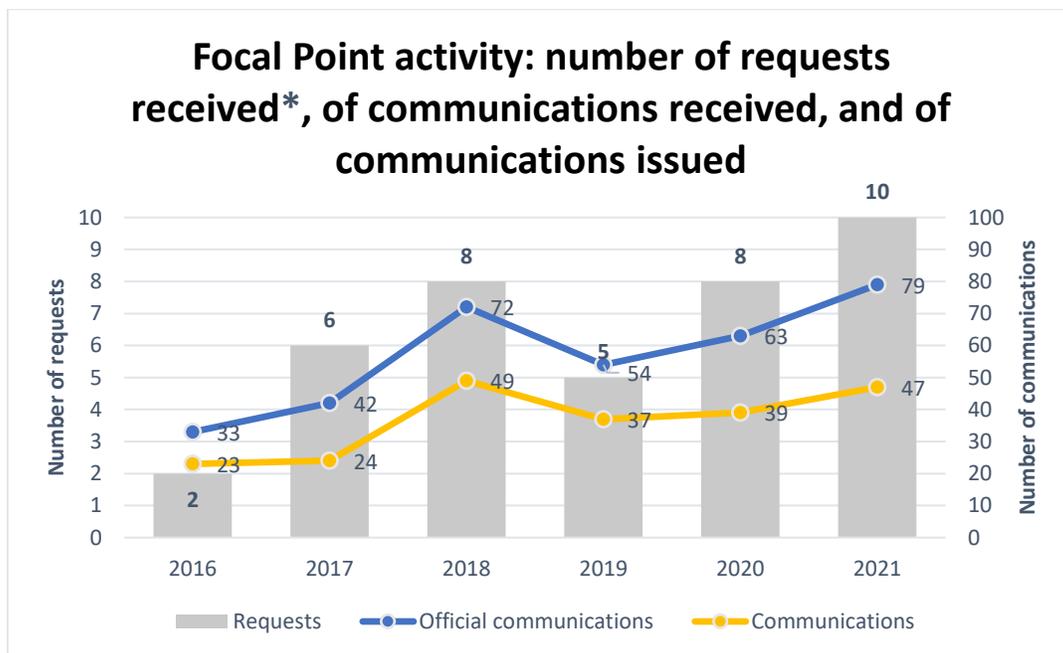
7. In connection with de-listing requests received by the Focal Point in previous years, the developments were as follows:

- The processes of consideration for four requests were concluded, all four individuals remaining on the lists. This concerned three requests presented by individuals inscribed on the 1518 sanctions lists (two requests submitted in 2017 and one in 2018). The fourth request was submitted in 2020 by an individual inscribed on the 2374 sanctions list.
- The process of consideration for three other requests pending from 2020, and one from 2014, involving four individuals whose names are inscribed on the 1518 sanctions list, continued, given that the time frame for review was further extended by one or more reviewing States.
- In one case pending from 2020, the petitioner was delisted by the 1518 Committee, pursuant to a request submitted by a Member State, while the focal point process was ongoing.

8. During the reporting period, the Focal Point received an asset freeze exemption request from an individual designated on the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List. That request was transmitted to the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee and remains pending. This is the second asset freeze request from this individual, whose first request in 2020 was not approved by the Committee.

9. During the reporting period, the Focal Point received a communication from an individual claiming to be subjected to sanctions measures as a result of false or mistaken identification or confusion with an individual included on the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List. The request was forwarded to the Committee for its consideration.

10. Overall, in 2021, the Focal Point received 10 new requests (de-listing, exemptions and misidentification), received a total of 47 communications (from petitioners or their representatives and Member States) and issued a total of 79 official communications (addressed to petitioners or their representatives, Committee Chairs and reviewing States). This illustrates a continuation of the trend of increased workload for the focal point over the last five years, as evidenced below.



* Requests include de-listing requests, exemption requests as well as communications concerning post-delisting challenges and misidentification.

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