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

The following is presented as the fourth informal report of the Focal Point for De-listing established pursuant to resolution 1730 (2006), covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017.

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 Security Council 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 Security Council 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, including its updated contact information, is available at: <u>https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/delisting/</u>.

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 2017, 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 does not correspond to the actual number of requests received, which is much lower, as in one case a joint request was submitted by two individuals, in another case a joint request was submitted by five individuals, and in other cases some individuals submitted more than one request or submitted requests both on their behalves and on behalf of the entities associated with them.



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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 2017.



Activities

5. During the period under review, the Focal Point received five de-listing requests concerning nine individuals (one request was submitted jointly by five individuals) whose names are inscribed on the 1518 Sanctions List. In each of the five cases, 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. The process of consideration for all five requests continued through the end of the year.

6. The process of consideration for a de-listing request pending from 2014, also in connection with an individual whose name is inscribed on the 1518 Sanctions List, continued, given that the time frame for review was further extended by a reviewing State.

7. During the reporting period, the Focal Point received one travel ban exemption request from an individual on the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List. The ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee was unable to agree to the request, informing that the State of transit was not able to agree to the transit.

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