

**Security Council**

Distr.: General
20 December 2019

Original: English

**Letter dated 19 December 2019 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 2019. 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 2019.
2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of José Singer Weisinger (Dominican Republic) as Chair and the 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 [2484 \(2019\)](#), the mandate of the Panel of Experts was renewed until 30 September 2020. By its resolution [2484 \(2019\)](#), the Security Council renewed the travel ban and asset freeze until 31 August 2020 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 report of the Committee ([S/2018/1124/Rev.1](#)).

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

6. The Committee met six times in informal consultations, on 7 February, 12 April, 24 June, 26 July, 7 August and 27 November, in addition to conducting its work through written procedures.
7. During the informal consultations held on 7 February, the Committee heard a presentation by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts on Mali on the Panel's midterm report ([S/2019/137](#)), submitted in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution [2432 \(2018\)](#), and discussed potential follow-up actions as contained in the report.
8. During the informal consultations held on 12 April, the Committee heard a briefing by Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict.
9. During the informal consultations held on 24 June, the Committee heard a presentation by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts on the statements of case shared with members of the Committee in the Panel's letter dated 24 April 2019.
10. During the informal consultations held on 26 July, 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 \(2018\)](#).
11. During the informal consultations held on 7 August, the Committee discussed the recommendations emanating from the final report of the Panel of Experts ([S/2019/636](#)).

12. During the informal consultations held on 27 November, the Committee received a briefing by the Chair on his visit to Bamako.
13. Following the above-mentioned informal consultations, 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.
14. On 8 October, pursuant to paragraph 18 of resolution 2374 (2017), the Chair of the Committee briefed the Security Council on the activities of the Committee (see S/PV.8636).
15. On 10 July, the Committee approved the addition of five entries to its sanctions list of individuals subject to the travel ban, as imposed in paragraphs 1 to 3 of Security Council resolution 2374 (2017) and renewed in paragraph 1 of resolution 2432 (2018).
16. The Chair conducted a visit to Mali from 16 to 18 October to obtain first-hand information from key counterparts in Mali in relation to resolution 2374 (2017) and to receive briefings on the political and security situation in Mali and the Sahel, including the implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali.
17. The Committee sent 17 communications to 12 Member States and other stakeholders with reference to the implementation of the sanctions measures.

IV. Exemptions

18. Exemptions to the travel ban are set out in paragraph 2 of resolution 2374 (2017).
19. Exemptions to the asset freeze are set out in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of resolution 2374 (2017).
20. No notifications or exemption requests were received by the Committee.

V. Sanctions list

21. 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.
22. As at the end of the reporting period, there were eight individuals on the sanctions list of the Committee and subject to the travel ban.

VI. Panel of Experts

23. On 23 January, in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 2432 (2018), the Panel of Experts provided its midterm report (S/2019/137) to the Committee.
24. On 15 July, in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 2432 (2018), the Panel of Experts provided its final report (S/2019/636) to the Committee.
25. On 24 September, following the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 2484 (2019) on 29 August, the Secretary-General appointed four experts to the Panel, with expertise in armed groups, finance, international humanitarian law and regional issues (see S/2019/771).

26. The Panel conducted visits to Belgium, France, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, the Netherlands, the Niger and Senegal. In Mali, members of the Panel undertook visits to Bamako, Gao, Kidal and Ménaka.

27. In pursuance of its mandate, the Panel, through the Secretariat, sent 42 letters to 22 Member States, the Security Council, the Committee and international and national entities.

VII. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

28. 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. The Division, together with the Department of Peace Operations and the Department of Safety and Security, supported the visit of the Chair and the members of the Committee to Bamako from 16 to 18 October.

29. 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 18 December to request the nomination of qualified candidates for membership of the roster of experts. In addition, a note verbale was sent to all Member States on 3 June notifying them of upcoming vacancies on the Panel of Experts and providing information on recruitment timelines, areas of expertise and pertinent requirements. On 31 May, a vacancy announcement was also made available online at careers.un.org.

30. The Division continued to provide support to the Panel of Experts, conducting an 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. The Secretariat convened a two-day inter-panel workshop, at which 60 experts representing 10 sanctions panels were invited to share experiences and good practices and to discuss issues of common interest. The Secretariat also organized an investigative techniques workshop, which was focused on investigative methods and tools for panel experts.

31. The Secretariat continued to update and maintain the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions 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 sanctions 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 \(2017\)](#).