## SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION <u>2127 (2013)</u> CONCERNING THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

7 October 2023

# GUIDELINES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS WORK as revised and adopted by the Committee on 7 October 2023

# 1. The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution <u>concerning the Central African Republic</u>

(a) The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution <u>2127 (2013)</u>
concerning the Central African Republic, also known as the 2127 Sanctions Committee, shall hereinafter be the Committee a subsidiary organ of the Security Council and consists of all the Members of the Council.

(b) The Chair of the Committee will be appointed by the Security Council to serve in their personal capacity. The Chair will be assisted by one or two delegations who will act as Vice-Chairs, and who will also be appointed by the Security Council.

(c) The Chair will preside over formal meetings and informal consultations of the Committee. When the Chair is unable to chair a meeting, they will nominate one of the Vice-Chairs or another representative of their Permanent Mission to act on their behalf.

(d) The Committee is assisted by a Panel of Experts established by paragraph 59 of resolution 2127 (2013) **the Panel of Experts** 

# 2. Mandate of the Committee

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### 6. Listing

(a) The Committee will decide on requests for the designation of individuals and/or entities referred to in paragraphs 9 (travel ban) and 16 (asset freeze) of resolution  $\underline{2399}$  (2018), as renewed by resolution  $\underline{2693}$  (2023), on the basis of the designation criteria.

(b) The Committee will consider all written requests from Member States to add the names of individuals and entities to the List within five working days, as decided by the Committee, from the date of official transmittal of such requests to the Committee. If no holds

(g) When proposing additions to the List, Member States should use the standard

much relevant and specific information as possible on a proposed name, in particular sufficient identifying

(k) The Secretariat shall, after publication but within one week after the listing of an individual or entity, notify the Permanent Mission of the country or countries where the individual or entity is believed to be located and the country of which the person is a national (to the extent this information is known). The Secretariat shall include with this notification a copy of the publicly releasable portion of the statement of case, a description of the effects of designation, as set forth in the relevant resolutions, the

procedures for considering delisting requests, and the provisions for available exemptions. The letter shall remind States receiving such notification that they are required to take, in accordance with their domestic laws and practices, all possible measures to notify or inform in a timely manner the newly listed individuals and entities on the List of the measures imposed on them, any information on reasons for listing provided by the

Secretariat in the above-mentioned notification.

### 7. <u>De-listing</u>

(a) Member States may submit at any time requests for delisting of individuals and entities inscribed in the List.

(b) Without prejudice to available procedures, a petitioner (individuals or entities on the List) may submit a petition to request review of the case.

(c) A petitioner seeking to submit a request for de-listing can do so either through the Focal Point process outlined in resolution  $1730 (2006)^2$  as outlined in paragraph (g) below, or through his/her State of residence or nationality as outlined in paragraph (h) below. In cases where listings are made directly by a resolution of the Security Council, the Committee assumes the role of the designating State(s).

(d) A State can decide that as a rule, its nationals or residents should address their delisting requests directly to the Focal Point. The State will do so by a declaration

(e) The petitioner should explain in the de-listing request why the designation does not or no longer meets the designation criteria, in particular through countering the reasons for listing as stated in the publicly releasable portion of the statement of case described above. The delisting request should also include the occupation and/or activities, and any other relevant information. Any documentation

supporting the request can be referred to and/or attached together with the explanation of its relevance, where appropriate.

(f) For a deceased individual, the petition shall be submitted either directly to the Committee by a State, or through the Focal Point for De-listing, by the deceased certifying that

status. The de-listing request shall include a death certificate or similar official documentation confirming the death. The submitting State or the petitioner should also ascertain and inform the Committee whether or not any legal beneficiary of the

#### 8. Updating the existing information on the List

(a) The Committee shall consider and decide, in accordance with the following procedures, on updating the List, with additional identifying information and other information, along with supporting documentation, including the movement, incarceration, or death of listed individuals and other significant events, as such information becomes available.

(b) The Committee may approach the original designating State and consult with it on the relevance of the submitted additional information. The Committee may also encourage Member States or regional or international organizations, such as INTERPOL, providing such additional information to consult with the original designating State. The assist in establishing the

appropriate contacts.

(c) The Panel of Experts may also provide the Committee with additional information on listed individuals or entities.

(d) Upon the decision of the Committee to incorporate additional information into the List, the Chair of the Committee will inform the Member State or regional or international organization that submitted the additional information accordingly.

#### 9. <u>Review of the Lists</u>

(a) The Committee shall, with the support of the Panel of Experts and the Secretariat, conduct an annual review of all names on the Lists, in which the relevant names, together with the original statement of case, are circulated to the designating States and States of residence and/or nationality, where known, in order to ensure the Lists is as updated and

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used) of the equipment, materiel or provision of assistance to be delivered;

- b. The intended recipient and end-user of the equipment;
- c. The proposed dates of departure and delivery;
- d. The means of transport to be used;
- e. Details of the itinerary, including the specific place of delivery in the Central African Republic as well as places of departure and transit;
- f. The identification and serial numbers or markings of containers being transported (as well as the number of containers);
- g. The identity of the cargo carrier;
- h. Registration number and serial number of the aircraft used to deliver the equipment by air;
- i. Name and registration number of the ship for deliveries of equipment by sea;
- j. Name of the transport company and registration number of the vehicles used for deliveries of equipment by road;
- k. The marking numbers of codes of each shipped item, including the marking numbers of each packaging element used to protect the equipment during the shipment;
- 1. In the specific case of notifications submitted pursuant to paragraph 1 (d) of resolution <u>2648 (2022)</u>, as renewed by resolution 2693 (2023), in addition to the above, the notification shall also specify the humanitarian or protective use of the non-lethal military equipment, and related technical assistance or training.
- m. Permanent or Observer Missions of States, or international, regional or subregional organizations transmitting requests for, or notifications concerning, exemptions to the arms embargo shall provide information to the Committee regarding their coordination efforts with MINUSCA on the requested notification or exemption.

(e) (f) The Committee shall convey its decision on arms embargo exemption requests to the supplying State, organisation or agency. The Committee shall also acknowledge receipt of notifications.

## 11. Exemptions to the Travel Ban

(a) In paragraph 14 of resolution 2399 (2018), the Security Council decided that the travel ban imposed under paragraph 30 of the resolution 2134 (2014) and most recently extended by paragraph 4 of resolution 2693 (2023) shall not apply where the Committee determines on a case-by-case basis that such travel is justified on the grounds of humanitarian need, including religious obligation; where

- iii. The proposed dates and times of departure from and return to the country from which the travel commenced.
- iv. The complete itinerary for such travel including the points of departure and return and all transit stops.
- v. Details of the mode of transport to be used, including where applicable, record locator, flight numbers and names of vessels.
- vi. A statement of specific justification for the exemption.

(e) For exemption requests based on medical or other humanitarian need, including religious obligation, the Committee will determine whether the travel is justified within the provisions of paragraph 14 of resolution 2399 (2018) renewed by paragraph 4 of resolution 2693 (2023), once informed of the name of the traveller, the reason for travel, the date and time of treatment, along with flight details, including transit points and destination(s). In cases of emergency medical evacuations, the Chair shall also be promptly provided with a

emergency and the facility where treatment was received by the patient, without prejudice to the respect of medical confidentiality, as well as information regarding the date, time, and mode of travel by which the patient returned or will return to their country of residence.

(f) Any request for extension(s) of exemptions approved by the Committee pursuant to paragraph 14 of resolution 2399 (2018), renewed by paragraph 4 of resolution

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(h) The Committee shall receive written confirmation, within five working days following the expiry of the exemption, from the State in whose territory the listed individual resides, or from the relevant United Nations office, with supporting documents, confirming the itinerary and date on which the listed individuals travelling under an exemption granted by the Committee returned to the country of residence.

(i) All requests for exemptions and extensions thereto which have been approved by the Committee pursuant to paragraph 14 of resolution 2399 (2018), renewed by paragraph 4 of resolution 2693 (2023), shall be posted on the webpage until confirmation of the return to the country of residence of the listed individual is received by the Committee.

(j) Any changes to the required travel information previously submitted to the Committee, particularly the points of transit, shall require the prior approval of the Committee and shall be received by the Chair and circulated to the Committee members no less than five working days prior to the commencement of the travel, except in cases of emergency, as determined by the Chair.

(k) The Committee Chair shall be immediately informed in writing in the event of advancement or postponement of travel for which the Committee has already issued an exemption. Submission to the Chair of written notification will be sufficient in cases where the time of departure is advanced or postponed no more than 48 hours and the previously submitted itinerary remains otherwise unchanged. If travel is to be advanced or postponed more than 48 hours before or after the date previously approved by the Committee, then a new exemption request must be submitted, and should be received by the Chair and circulated to Committee members.

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fees or service charges for routine holding or maintenance of frozen funds or other financial assets or economic resources.

- under extraordinary expenses exemption:

extraordinary expenses (other categories than the ones mentioned under paragraph 17 (a) of resolution 2399 (2018), renewed by paragraph 4 of resolution 2693 (2023):

- i. amount of installment;
- ii. number of installments;
- iii. payment starting date;
- iv. bank transfer or direct debit;
- v. interests;
- vi. specific funds being unfrozen;
- vii. other information.

(g) Pursuant to paragraph 18 of resolution 2399 (2018), renewed by paragraph 4 of resolution 2693 (2023), States may allow for the addition to accounts subject to the asset freeze of:

- i. interest or other earnings due on those accounts, or
- ii. payments due under contracts, agreements or obligations that arose prior to the date on which those accounts became subject to the assets freeze, provided that any such interest, other earnings (see i. above) and payments continue to be subject to the asset freeze.

(h) Pursuant to paragraph 19 of resolution 2399 (2018), renewed by paragraph 4 of resolution 2693 (2023), a designated individual or entity may make a payment due under a contract entered into prior to the listing of such a person or entity, provided that:

- i. the relevant States have determined that the payment is not directly or indirectly received by a designated individual or entity, and
- ii. after notification by the relevant States to the Committee of the intention to make or receive such payments or to authorize, where appropriate, the unfreezing of funds, other financial assets or economic resources for this purpose, 10 working days prior to such authorization.

### 13. Other Information Supplied to the Committee

(a) The Committee will consider other information relevant to its work, including information on possible non-compliance with the measures imposed by the relevant resolutions, received from different sources through Member States, international or regional organisations or the Panel of Experts. The Committee will make an appeal to all States, as well as to international or regional organisations, to that effect, advising them to submit their information in communications addressed to the Chair in writing, under assurance of confidentiality. The Committee may renew the appeal as occasion warrants.

(b) The information received by the Committee will be kept confidential if the provider so requests, or if the Committee so decides.

(c) With a view to assisting States in their endeavour to implement the arms embargo relating to the Central African Republic, the Committee may decide to supply information forwarded to it relating to possible non-compliance to the States concerned, and ask any such State to report to the Committee subsequently on any follow-up action undertaken.

(d) The Committee will provide Member States with an opportunity to send representatives to meet the Committee

- i. The Committee shall consider and approve the proposal to visit selected countries, and coordinate such visits with the other subsidiary organs of the Security Council as appropriate.
- The Chair will contact the selected countries through their Permanent Missions in New York, and will also send letters seeking their prior consent and explaining the objectives of the trip.
- iii. The Secretariat will provide the Chair and the Committee with the necessary assistance in this regard.
- iv. Upon his/her return the Chair will prepare a comprehensive report on the findings of the trip and will brief the Committee orally and in writing.

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