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**Letter dated 28 December 2023 from the Chair of the
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution
[2127 \(2013\)](#) concerning the Central African Republic 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 [2127 \(2013\)](#) concerning the Central African Republic, containing an account of the Committee's activities from 1 January to 31 December 2023. 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) Harold Adlai Agyeman
Chair

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I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2127 \(2013\)](#) concerning the Central African Republic covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023.
2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of Harold Adlai Agyeman (Ghana) as Chair and a representative of Gabon as Vice-Chair.

II. Background

3. By its resolution [2127 \(2013\)](#), the Security Council imposed a general and complete arms embargo on the Central African Republic and established a committee tasked with, among other things, overseeing the implementation of the sanctions measures. By the same resolution, the Council established a panel of experts working under the direction of the Committee.
4. Subsequently, by its resolution [2134 \(2014\)](#), the Security Council imposed additional measures, namely, a travel ban and an asset freeze on individuals and entities designated by the Committee in accordance with the listing criteria delineated in paragraphs 36 and 37 of the resolution. Both resolutions contain exemptions to the measures and criteria for designation.
5. The scope of the embargo has been adjusted several times by the Security Council since January 2016, through resolutions [2262 \(2016\)](#), [2488 \(2019\)](#), [2507 \(2020\)](#), [2536 \(2020\)](#), [2588 \(2021\)](#), [2648 \(2022\)](#) and [2693 \(2023\)](#). Most notably, the arms embargo no longer applies to supplies of weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, and the provision of related assistance, to the Central African Republic security forces, including State civilian law enforcement institutions.
6. The Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic consists of five experts. Its mandate was extended most recently in resolution [2693 \(2023\)](#).
7. Further background information on the Central African Republic sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual reports of the Committee.

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

8. The Committee met six times in informal consultations, on 3 February, 26 April, 24 July, 29 August and 10 and 17 October, and held two briefings to Member States, on 30 March and 29 June, in addition to conducting its work through written procedures.
9. During the informal consultations held on 3 February, the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts presented the midterm report of the Panel ([S/2023/87](#)), submitted pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution [2648 \(2022\)](#), and the Committee discussed the findings and recommendations contained therein.
10. During the briefing to Member States held on 30 March, the Committee invited the Permanent Representatives of Angola, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan and the Sudan, other interested Member States, as well as the members of the Panel of

Experts, to discuss the midterm report of the Panel (S/2023/87), submitted pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 2648 (2022), and the challenges faced by Member States, especially regional States, in monitoring and implementing the sanctions measures.

11. During the informal consultations held on 26 April, the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts presented the final report of the Panel (S/2023/360), submitted pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 2648 (2022), and the Committee discussed the findings and recommendations contained therein.

12. During the briefing to Member States held on 29 June, the Committee invited the Permanent Representatives of Angola, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan and the Sudan, other interested Member States, as well as the members of the Panel of Experts, to discuss the final report of the Panel (S/2023/360), submitted pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 2648 (2022), and the challenges faced by Member States, especially regional States, in monitoring and implementing the sanctions measures.

13. During the informal consultations held on 24 July, the Chair of the Committee provided an overview of his visit to the Central African Republic from 6 to 9 June. A report on the visit had been circulated to the members of the Committee on 27 June.

14. During the informal consultations held on 29 August, the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts briefed the Committee on the Panel's progress update, submitted pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 2648 (2022).

15. During the informal consultations held on 10 October, the Committee heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

16. During the informal consultations held on 17 October, the Committee received a briefing from the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 2664 (2022).

17. 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 summaries of the meetings held on 3 February, 26 April, 24 July, 29 August and 10 and 17 October (SC/15201, SC/15275, SC/15382, SC/15407, SC/15453 and SC/15480) and of the briefing to Member States held on 30 March (SC/15254).

18. The Committee sent 41 communications to 15 Member States and other stakeholders with reference to the implementation of the sanctions measures.

IV. Exemptions

19. Exemptions to the arms embargo are contained in paragraph 1 (a) to (h) of resolution 2648 (2022), as modified and renewed by paragraphs 1 to 3 of resolution 2693 (2023).

20. Exemptions to the travel ban are contained in paragraph 31 of resolution 2134 (2014), as reaffirmed in paragraph 4 of resolution 2693 (2023).

21. Exemptions to the asset freeze are contained in paragraph 33 of resolution 2134 (2014), as reaffirmed in paragraph 4 of resolution 2693 (2023).

22. The Committee received one arms embargo notification in pursuance of paragraph 1 (a) of resolution 2648 (2022), one arms embargo notification in pursuance of paragraph 1 (c) of resolution 2648 (2022), three arms embargo notifications in pursuance of paragraph 1 (d) of resolution 2648 (2022), five arms

embargo notifications in pursuance of paragraph 1 (g) of resolution [2648 \(2022\)](#), and two arms embargo notifications in pursuance of paragraph 1 (d) of resolution [2648 \(2022\)](#) as renewed by resolution [2693 \(2023\)](#).

V. Sanctions list

23. The criteria for the designation of individuals and entities as subject to the travel ban and asset freeze are set out in paragraphs 15, 20 and 21 of resolution [2399 \(2018\)](#). The procedures for requesting listing and delisting are described in the Committee's guidelines for the conduct of its work.

24. No entries were added to or removed from the list. As at the end of the reporting period, there were 14 individuals and one entity on the sanctions list of the Committee.

VI. Panel of Experts

25. On 17 April, in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution [2648 \(2022\)](#), the Panel of Experts provided its final report to the Committee, which was transmitted to the Security Council on 18 May and issued as a document of the Council ([S/2023/360](#)).

26. On 3 August, following the adoption by the Security Council of resolution [2693 \(2023\)](#), the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs nominated five individuals, with expertise in armed groups, arms, finance and natural resources, humanitarian affairs, and regional issues, to serve on the Panel of Experts. On 9 August, a hold was placed in the Committee on the nominations. On 26 December, the Committee approved the nomination of four of the five proposed individuals. The mandate of the Panel expires on 31 August 2024.

27. On 18 August, in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution [2648 \(2022\)](#), the Panel of Experts provided a progress update to the Committee.

28. The Panel of Experts conducted visits to Belgium, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, France, Switzerland and the United States of America.

29. In pursuance of its mandate, the Panel of Experts has, through the Secretariat, sent 19 letters to 12 Member States, the Committee and international and national entities.

VII. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

30. 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. To complement those briefings, from 1 to 3 December, the Secretariat conducted the third training session on the design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, adjustment and redesign of sanctions for incoming members of the Council. The Division, together with the Department of Peace Operations and the Department of Safety and Security, supported the visit of the Chair and members of the Committee to the Central African Republic from 6 to 9 June.

31. To support the Committee in its recruitment of well-qualified experts to serve on sanctions monitoring groups, teams and panels, the Division has begun to brief regional groups and held public outreach events on 21 June and 26 October to attract a more geographically diverse applicant pool. On 13 December, a note verbale was sent to all Member States to request the nomination of qualified candidates for the pool of experts. In addition, a note verbale was sent to all Member States on 27 June, notifying them of upcoming vacancies on the Panel of Experts and providing information on recruitment timelines, areas of expertise and pertinent requirements. On 18 June, vacancy announcements were also made available online at the United Nations career portal (<https://careers.un.org>).

32. The Division continued to provide support to the Panel of Experts, assisting in the preparation of the Panel's final report, submitted to the Committee in April. The Secretariat facilitated travel by Panel members to deliver their mandate, which included meetings with Member States and other stakeholders. The Secretariat organized an inter-panel workshop from 5 to 7 December, which was focused on providing additional tools to enhance expert investigations and reporting.

33. The Secretariat continued to update and maintain the United Nations Security Council Consolidated 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 the 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 ISIL/Da'esh, Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, as requested by the Council in paragraph 54 of its resolution [2368 \(2017\)](#).

34. On 15 May, pursuant to paragraph 14 of resolution [2648 \(2022\)](#), the Secretary-General submitted his update report on progress achieved by the authorities of the Central African Republic on the key benchmarks for the assessment of the arms embargo ([S/2023/356](#)).
