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**Letter dated 20 December 2019 from the Chair of the
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution
[1591 \(2005\)](#) concerning the Sudan 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 [1591 \(2005\)](#), 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) Joanna **Wronecka**

Chair

Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#) concerning the Sudan



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I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#) concerning the Sudan covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019.
2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of Joanna Wronecka (Poland) as Chair and the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire and Germany as Vice-Chairs.

II. Background

3. By its resolution [1556 \(2004\)](#), the Security Council imposed an arms embargo on all non-governmental entities and individuals, including the Janjaweed, operating in the States of North Darfur, South Darfur and West Darfur in the Sudan. By its resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#), the Council broadened the scope of the arms embargo to include all parties to the N'Djamena Ceasefire Agreement and any other belligerents in those States (subsequently confirmed, in resolution [2035 \(2012\)](#), to also include the new States of East and Central Darfur). Exemptions to the measures were also included.
4. By its resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#), the Security Council also established a committee to monitor the implementation of the arms embargo and the two additional measures, a travel ban and an asset freeze, imposed through the same resolution on individuals, to be designated by the Committee, on the basis of the criteria contained in the resolution. The Council, by its resolution [2035 \(2012\)](#), subsequently extended the applicability of the designation criteria to entities. By its resolution [1672 \(2006\)](#), the Council designated four individuals as subject to the travel ban and asset freeze.
5. The enforcement of the arms embargo was strengthened in resolution [1945 \(2010\)](#), when the Security Council clarified the exemptions to that measure and made the sale or supply of arms and related materiel to the Sudan not prohibited by the embargo contingent upon the necessary end user documentation. The exemptions to the embargo were further updated in resolution [2035 \(2012\)](#).
6. By its resolution [1769 \(2007\)](#), the Security Council provided for an arms embargo monitoring aspect to the mandate of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID). In its resolution [2228 \(2015\)](#), the Council requested UNAMID to discontinue all other tasks not aligned to its revised strategic priorities, which did not include any reference to the above-mentioned monitoring role. The Council expressed deep concern over the proliferation of arms, in particular small arms and light weapons, and requested UNAMID to continue to cooperate in that context with the Panel of Experts on the Sudan in order to facilitate its work. The Council reiterated its concern and request in its resolution [2363 \(2017\)](#).
7. The Panel of Experts, operating under the direction of the Committee, was established by the Security Council in its resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#) to assist the Committee in monitoring the implementation of the measures and to act as a source of information for potential designations. The membership of the Panel, which initially consisted of four experts, was increased to five experts by the Council in its resolution [1713 \(2006\)](#). The Panel's mandate was renewed most recently in resolution [2455 \(2019\)](#).

8. Further background information on the Sudan sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual reports of the Committee.

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

9. The Committee met five times in informal consultations, on 12 February, 12 April, 21 June, 16 August and 3 December, in addition to conducting its work through written procedures.

10. During the informal consultations held on 12 February, the Committee heard a presentation by the Panel of Experts on its final report, submitted in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution [2400 \(2018\)](#), and discussed the recommendations contained therein.

11. During the informal consultations held on 12 April, the Committee was briefed by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts on its work programme under resolution [2455 \(2019\)](#).

12. During the informal consultations held on 21 June, the Committee held joint informal consultations with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1970 \(2011\)](#) concerning Libya and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2206 \(2015\)](#) concerning South Sudan. The three Committees met to discuss the presence of Darfuri armed groups in Libya and South Sudan, as well as a common approach to addressing the issue.

13. During the informal consultations held on 16 August, the Committee heard a presentation by the Panel of Experts on the Panel's interim report submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 of resolution [2455 \(2019\)](#).

14. During the informal consultations held on 3 December, the Chair presented to the Committee a report on her visit to the Sudan from 9 to 14 November. The Committee discussed the report and the recommendations contained therein.

15. 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 informal consultations.

16. On 26 March ([S/PV.8490](#)), 26 June ([S/PV.8560](#)), 3 October ([S/PV.8632](#)) and 12 December ([S/PV.8684](#)), the Chair of the Committee briefed the Security Council on the activities of the Committee, pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) (iv) of resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#).

17. From 9 to 14 November, the Chair visited Khartoum and Darfur. A report on the visit was circulated to the members of the Committee on 26 November.

18. In 2019, the Committee received no implementation reports from Member States.

19. The Committee sent 17 communications to 15 Member States and other stakeholders with reference to the implementation of the sanctions measures.

IV. Exemptions

20. Exemptions to the arms embargo are contained in paragraph 9 of resolution [1556 \(2004\)](#) and paragraph 7 of resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#), subsequently updated in paragraph 8 (b) of resolution [1945 \(2010\)](#) and paragraph 4 of resolution [2035 \(2012\)](#).

21. Exemptions to the travel ban are contained in paragraph 3 (f) of resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#) and exemptions to the asset freeze in paragraph 3 (g) of resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#).

22. No exemption requests or notifications were received by the Committee during the period under review.

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 paragraph 3 (c) of resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#). The procedures for requesting listing and delisting are described in the Committee's guidelines for the conduct of its work.

24. As at the end of the reporting period, there were four individuals on the sanctions list of the Committee.

VI. Panel of Experts

25. On 18 March, following the adoption by the Security Council of resolution [2455 \(2019\)](#), the Secretary-General appointed five experts, with expertise in arms and armed groups, regional issues, finance, international humanitarian law and transport and customs, to serve on the Panel ([S/2019/249](#)). The mandate of the Panel expires on 12 March 2020.

26. On 5 August, in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution [2455 \(2019\)](#), the Panel provided its interim report to the Committee.

27. On 17 January, 13 March, 6 June and 24 September, in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution [2400 \(2018\)](#) and paragraph 2 of resolution [2455 \(2019\)](#), the Panel of Experts submitted quarterly updates to the Committee.

28. On 20 December, in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution [2455 \(2019\)](#), the Panel provided its final report to the Committee, which was transmitted to the Security Council in December and is expected to be issued as a document of the Council in January 2020.

29. The Panel conducted visits to Belgium, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, India, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, the Niger, Qatar, South Sudan, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

30. Since 1 January 2019, in pursuance of its mandate, the Panel has, through the Secretariat, sent 28 letters to 14 Member States, the Committee and several international and national entities.

VII. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

31. 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 of the Secretariat and the Department of Safety and Security of

the Secretariat, supported the visit of the Chair and members of the Committee to the Sudan from 11 to 14 November.

32. 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 26 November 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 26 November, notifying them of upcoming vacancies on the Panel of Experts and providing information on recruitment timelines, areas of expertise and pertinent requirements. On 26 November, vacancy announcements were also made available online at careers.un.org.

33. 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 August, and its final report, submitted to the Committee in December. 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.

34. 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 \(2017\)](#).
