



# Security Council

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## Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2206 \(2015\)](#) concerning South Sudan

### **Note verbale dated 19 June 2019 from the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee**

The Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2206 \(2015\)](#) and has the honour to inform the Committee about the measures taken by Panama to implement Council resolutions [2206 \(2015\)](#) and [2428 \(2018\)](#).

At the request of the Government of Panama, the Permanent Mission has the honour to forward to the Chair of the Committee the national implementation report, which was transmitted through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see annex).



## **Annex to the note verbale dated 19 June 2019 from the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee**

### **Report of Panama on the implementation of Security Council resolutions pursuant to resolutions [2206 \(2015\)](#)<sup>1</sup> and [2428 \(2018\)](#)<sup>2</sup>**

The Republic of Panama condemns all acts or actions that threaten international peace and security. The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction by State or non-State actors, groups acting outside the law, terrorist organizations or individual terrorists is a problem that affects all States and that must be addressed through multilateralism, which is the only way to reach consensus among nations in order to establish coherent, effective strategies that help achieve the objectives of lasting peace.

As a Member of the United Nations, Panama is committed to the implementation of Security Council mandates aimed at deterring Governments, non-State entities and power groups from acquiring weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. The measures agreed by the Council are the best available way for the international community to act jointly and decisively to obtain a real, lasting commitment to peace and social development.

#### **Assets freeze**

In accordance with Council mandates and pursuant to Act No. 23 of 27 April 2015 and Executive Decree No. 587 of 4 August 2015, on preventive freezing, the Republic of Panama has adopted a measure for the preventive administrative freezing of assets belonging to individuals included in the Consolidated Sanctions List.

Under the measure, financial and non-financial reporting entities and professionals that carry out regulated activities may also not provide services to such individuals until notified that they have been removed from the List.

#### **Arms embargo**

Since 2010, under the arms ban policy, the importing of firearms for domestic sale and trade has been restricted; with regard to exports, Panama has no industries that manufacture weapons or ammunition, or components thereof. In addition, by Executive Decree No. 81 of 25 May 2017, measures were established for controlling the trade in and safe transport of dual-use items for reasons of national and international security, and the European Union list of dual-use items was incorporated into domestic law. Panama is working with friendly countries and with the assistance of international organizations to control such goods.

#### **Travel ban**

To prevent the entry into and transit through Panama of individuals included in the Sanctions List, border posts have been strengthened through the use of such technological tools as the international databases of the “Pionero” programme, which is intended to facilitate the uninterrupted sharing, among associated nations, of information on remote migratory routes, and which also serves as a repository of biographical and biometric data that can be accessed through a secure Internet

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to paragraph 17 of resolution [2206 \(2015\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 17 of resolution [2428 \(2018\)](#).

connection; by 2018, the repository contained information on more than 31,802 irregular migrants.

In addition, Panama is continuing to implement the advance passenger information system, a biometric identification system through which alerts related to passengers who have criminal records or are suspected of having committed a crime are issued on the basis of information provided in advance. This involves the screening of passenger details against the databases of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). Lastly, through the Airport Communication Project (AIRCOP), implemented on the basis of an agreement with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, operational information is shared in real time using such technological platforms as the INTERPOL I-24/7 worldwide police communications network and the World Customs Organization CENComm network.

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