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## Letter dated 17 December 2024 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2653 (2022) concerning Haiti 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 2653 (2022) concerning Haiti, containing an account of the Committee's activities from 1 January to 31 December 2024. 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*) Carolyn **Rodrigues-Birkett**
Chair
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2653 (2022) concerning Haiti



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# Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2653 (2022) concerning Haiti

## I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2653 (2022) concerning Haiti covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024.

2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett (Guyana), as Chair, and a representative of China as Vice-Chair.

## II. Background

3. By its resolution 2653 (2022), the Security Council established the Committee and tasked it with, among other things, monitoring the implementation of the sanctions measures, considering and deciding upon requests for exemptions and designating individuals and entities to be subject to the sanctions measures. Also by its resolution 2653 (2022), the Council established a panel of four experts under the direction of the Committee. The mandate of the Panel of Experts on Haiti was recently extended in resolution 2752 (2024).

4. The Haiti sanctions regime emanates from resolution 2653 (2022), by which the Security Council imposed a travel ban, an asset freeze and a targeted arms embargo on individuals and entities designated as responsible for or complicit in, or having engaged in, directly or indirectly, actions that threatened the peace, security or stability of Haiti.

5. By its resolution 2699 (2023), the Security Council expanded the sanctions regime through the imposition of the arms embargo on the entire territory of Haiti, replacing the targeted arms embargo imposed under resolution 2653 (2022).

6. By its resolution 2752 (2024), the Security Council decided to renew the travel ban and asset freeze measures and extend the arms embargo until one year from the date of adoption of the resolution. By this resolution, the Security Council also expanded the scope of the arms embargo to include arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts for the aforementioned, and technical assistance, training, financial or other assistance, related to military activities or the provision, maintenance or use of any arms and related materiel.

7. On 19 July 2024, the Security Council adopted resolution 2744 (2024), introducing new procedures for the consideration of delisting requests submitted by individuals, groups, undertakings or entities designated on the list of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2653 (2022) and the lists of other sanctions committees established by the Security Council, with the exception of the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee list, which remains under the purview of the Office of the Ombudsperson. These procedures replace the delisting procedures outlined in resolution 1730 (2006) and will begin to be applied once the appointment of a new Focal Point by the Secretary-General becomes effective.

8. Further background information on the Haiti sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual report of the Committee (S/2023/1019).

# III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

9. The Committee met three times in informal consultations, on 15 March, 11 September and 8 November, in addition to conducting its work through written procedures.

10. In addition, the Committee organized two briefings for all Member States on 15 July and 11 November to present, respectively, the interim and final reports of the Panel of Experts.

11. During the informal consultations held on 15 March, the Committee heard a presentation by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts concerning its interim report (S/2024/253), submitted pursuant to paragraph 20 of resolution 2700 (2023).

12. During the briefing to all Member States held on 15 July, the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts provided an overview of the main findings and recommendations contained in the Panel's interim report (S/2024/253), submitted pursuant to paragraph 20 of resolution 2700 (2023). The Permanent Mission of Haiti to the United Nations, as well as delegations of other regional States, participated in the briefing.

13. During the informal consultations held on 11 September, the Committee heard a presentation by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts concerning its final report (S/2024/704), submitted pursuant to paragraph 20 of resolution 2700 (2023), and discussed the findings and recommendations contained in the report.

14. During the informal consultations held on 8 November, the Committee heard a briefing by 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).

15. During the briefing to all Member States held on 11 November, the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts provided an overview of the main findings and recommendations contained in the Panel's final report (S/2024/704), submitted pursuant to paragraph 20 of resolution 2700 (2023). The Permanent Mission of Haiti to the United Nations, as well as delegations of other regional States, participated in the briefing.

16. In accordance with paragraph 104 of the annex to the note by the President of the Security Council of 30 August 2017 (S/2017/507), the Committee issued press releases containing summaries of the meetings held on 15 March, 11 September and 8 November and the briefings to Member States held on 15 July and 11 November. (SC/15645, SC/15777, SC/15830, SC/15910 and SC/15913).

17. On 11 December, the Security Council heard a briefing by the Chair of the Committee on the work of the Committee, in accordance with paragraph 19 (e) of resolution 2653 (2022).

18. On 12 April, the Committee sent a note verbale to all Member States in connection with paragraph 95 (c) of the interim report of the Panel of Experts (S/2024/253).

19. On 15 April, the Committee sent a note verbale to all Member States inviting them to participate in a briefing by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts and share their views on the interim report of the Panel of Experts. In addition, the Committee sent two follow-up notes verbales on 6 May and 2 July informing them that the meeting had been rescheduled owing to Security Council activity.

20. On 27 September, the Committee sent a note verbale to all Member States informing them that the Committee approved the addition of two entries to its

Sanctions List of individuals and entities subject to the measures imposed by the Security Council.

21. On 30 October, the Committee sent a note verbale to all Member States in connection with paragraphs 184 (b), (c), (f), (g), (h) and (j) of the final report of the Panel of Experts (S/2024/704).

22. On 1 November, the Committee sent a note verbale to all Member States inviting them to participate in a briefing by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts and share their views on the final report of the Panel of Experts.

23. The Committee sent eight communications to three Member States and other stakeholders with reference to the implementation of the sanctions measures, in addition to seven notes verbales to all Member States.

## IV. Exemptions

24. Exemptions to the asset freeze are contained in paragraph 7 of resolution 2653 (2022), as renewed in paragraph 1 of resolution 2752 (2024).

25. Exemptions to the travel ban are contained in paragraphs 3 and 5 of resolution 2653 (2022), as renewed in paragraph 1 of resolution 2752 (2024).

26. Exemptions to the arms embargo are contained in paragraphs 2 (a), (b) and (c) of resolution 2752 (2024).

27. During the reporting period, the Committee received no requests for exemptions.

## V. Sanctions list

28. The criteria for the designation of individuals and entities as subject to the travel ban and asset freeze are set out in paragraphs 15 and 16 of resolution 2653 (2022) and paragraph 1 of resolution 2752 (2024).

29. On 27 September, the Committee added two individuals to the list (SC/15837). At the end of the reporting period, there were seven individuals on the sanctions list of the Committee.

## VI. Panel of Experts

30. On 1 March and 16 August, respectively, in accordance with paragraph 20 of resolution 2700 (2023), the Panel of Experts provided its interim and final reports to the Committee. The reports were subsequently transmitted to the Security Council on 29 March and 30 September, respectively, and issued as documents of the Council (S/2024/253 and S/2024/704).

31. On 13 November, following the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 2752 (2024), the Secretary-General appointed four individuals, with expertise in the areas of armed groups and criminal networks, arms, finance and humanitarian affairs, to serve on the Panel of Experts. The mandate of the Panel expires on 17 November 2025.

32. The Panel of Experts conducted visits to Haiti (Port-au-Prince). The Panel also conducted visits to the Dominican Republic, France, Honduras, Jamaica, and the United States of America.

33. In pursuance of its mandate, the Panel of Experts, through the Secretariat, sent 45 letters to 32 Member States, the Committee and several national and international entities.

# VII. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

34. 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 6 to 8 December, the Secretariat conducted the fourth training session on the design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, adjustment and redesign of sanctions for incoming members of the Council.

35. To support the Committee in its recruitment of well-qualified experts to serve on sanctions monitoring groups, teams and panels, the Division continued to provide briefings to regional groups and held a public outreach event on 24 October to attract a more geographically diverse applicant pool. On 12 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 30 July notifying them of upcoming vacancies on the Panel of Experts and providing information on recruitment timelines, areas of expertise and pertinent requirements. On 28 July, vacancy announcements were also made available online at the United Nations career portal (https://careers.un.org).

36. The Division continued to provide support to the Panel of Experts, assisting in the preparation of the Panel's interim report, submitted to the Committee in March, and its final report, submitted to the Committee in August. The Secretariat facilitated travel by Panel members to securely deliver their mandate, which included meetings with Member States and other stakeholders, and undertook coordinated work with the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti and the Department of Safety and Security. The Secretariat also conducted travel in support to the assessment of progress achieved on the key benchmarks established in paragraph 24 of resolution 2700 (2023) from 19 to 22 August 2024.

37. 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 Security Council 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 60 of its resolution 2734 (2024).

38. Furthermore, the Secretariat supported the issuance, maintenance and deletion of INTERPOL-United Nations Security Council Special Notices, as appropriate, following listings, amendments or deletions of list entries.

39. On 1 October, pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2700 (2023), the Secretary-General submitted his second assessment of progress achieved on the key benchmarks established in paragraph 24 of resolution 2700 (2023) (S/2024/711).