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Letter dated 31 December 2010 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea (see annex), which contains an account of the Committee's activities during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2010. The report is submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

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resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009)
concerning Somalia and Eritrea



Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea

I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2010.
2. For 2010, the Bureau of the Committee consisted of Claude Heller (Mexico) as Chairman, with the delegations of Lebanon and Nigeria providing the Vice-Chairs.

II. Background

3. By its resolution 733 (1992), the Security Council imposed a general and complete arms embargo on Somalia, and by its resolution 751 (1992), the Council established a Committee to oversee the implementation of the embargo. Subsequently, in its resolutions 1356 (2001), 1425 (2002), 1744 (2007), 1772 (2007), 1846 (2008), 1851 (2008) and 1916 (2010), the Council outlined certain exemptions to the embargo and further elaborated the scope of the measures.
4. By its resolution 1844 (2008), the Security Council, emphasizing the continued contribution made to Somalia's peace and security by the arms embargo imposed by paragraph 5 of resolution 733 (1992), decided that all Member States should take the necessary measures to prevent the entry into or transit through their territories of individuals designated by the Committee pursuant to paragraph 8 of the same resolution. The Council also decided that all Member States should freeze without delay the funds, other financial assets and economic resources owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the individuals or entities designated by the Committee. The Council further decided that Member States should prevent the supply, sale or transfer of weapons and military equipment, and the supply of related training and assistance, to the individuals or entities designated by the Committee. By paragraph 8 of the resolution, the Council mandated the Committee to designate individuals and entities (a) engaging in or providing support for acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of Somalia; (b) having acted in violation of the general and complete arms embargo; and (c) obstructing the delivery of humanitarian assistance to Somalia or access to, or distribution of, humanitarian assistance in Somalia. By paragraph 11 of the same resolution, the Committee was entrusted with, inter alia, the tasks of monitoring the implementation of the travel ban and assets freeze, with the support of the Monitoring Group; seeking from all Member States, in particular those in the region, information regarding the actions taken by them to implement effectively the travel ban and assets freeze; and reporting to the Council at least every 120 days on its work and on the implementation of resolution 1844 (2008).
5. By its resolution 1853 (2008), the Security Council extended the mandate of the Monitoring Group referred to in paragraph 3 of resolution 1558 (2004) for a

period of 12 months, with the addition of a fifth expert, and delineated the expanded mandate of the Monitoring Group.

6. On 23 December 2009, the Security Council adopted resolution 1907 (2009), by which it imposed a ban on the sale or supply to and from Eritrea of arms and related materiel, technical assistance and training. By the same resolution, the Council imposed an assets freeze, a travel ban and a targeted arms embargo on individuals and entities, including but not limited to the Eritrean political and military leadership, designated by the Committee as (a) violating the arms embargo; (b) providing support from Eritrea to armed opposition groups which aim to destabilize the region; (c) obstructing the implementation of resolution 1862 (2009) concerning Djibouti; (d) harbouring, financing, facilitating, supporting, organizing, training, or inciting individuals or groups to perpetrate acts of violence or terrorist acts against other States or their citizens in the region; or (e) obstructing the investigations or work of the Monitoring Group. The Council further expanded the mandate of the Monitoring Group re-established by resolution 1853 (2008) to monitor and report on the implementation of the measures imposed by resolution 1907 (2009).

7. As resolution 1907 (2009) expanded the mandate of the Committee, it decided on 26 February 2010 to change its name to “Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea”.

8. On 19 March 2010, the Security Council adopted resolution 1916 (2010), by which it decided that, for a period of 12 months, the assets freeze imposed by paragraph 3 of resolution 1844 (2008) should not apply to the payment of funds, other financial assets or economic resources necessary to ensure the timely delivery of urgently needed humanitarian assistance in Somalia. By the same resolution, the Council requested the Humanitarian Aid Coordinator for Somalia to report every 120 days to the Council on any impediments to the delivery of humanitarian assistance in Somalia. The Council also extended the mandate of the Monitoring Group referred to in paragraph 3 of resolution 1558 (2004) for a period of 12 months, added three experts, increasing the size of the Monitoring Group to eight experts, and specified its expanded mandate.

III. Summary of the Committee’s activities

9. During the course of 2010, the Committee met five times in informal consultations (10 March, 24 March, 30 March, 12 August and 22 November). Furthermore, the Committee conducted a good amount of its work through written procedures.

10. On 9 March 2010, the Committee addressed a note verbale to all Member States drawing their attention to various provisions contained in resolution 1907 (2009). On 30 March 2010, the Committee adopted revised guidelines for the conduct of its work taking account of the provisions contained in resolution 1907 (2009). In that connection, the Committee issued a press release (SC/9898) on 1 April 2010 and dispatched the revised guidelines to all Member States by a note verbale on 21 April 2010. The revised guidelines and the text of the press release are available on the Committee’s website (www.un.org/sc/committees/751/index.shtml).

11. In informal consultations on 10 March 2010, the Committee was briefed by the Monitoring Group on Somalia on its final report (S/2010/91), submitted pursuant to paragraph 3 (j) of resolution 1853 (2008), and discussed the observations and recommendations contained therein. During its informal consultations on 24 March 2010, the Committee received briefings by the Minister for Environment of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and the Deputy Executive Director for External Relations of the World Food Programme in connection with the findings contained in the Monitoring Group's report. On 30 March 2010, the Committee further discussed the recommendations contained in the report of the Monitoring Group during informal consultations.

12. On 16 March 2010, the Chairman of the Committee briefed the Security Council during consultations on the Committee's activities during the past 120 days pursuant to paragraph 11 (g) of resolution 1844 (2008). His briefing mainly focused on the findings contained in the final report of the Monitoring Group and the Committee's discussion of the recommendations contained in the report.

13. On 12 April 2010, the Committee decided to list eight individuals and one entity pursuant to paragraph 8 of resolution 1844 (2008). On the same day the Committee issued a press release (SC/9904) containing the list and on 21 April 2010 dispatched the list to all Member States by a note verbale. The list is also available on the Committee's website. On 24 September 2010, the Committee decided to update the list of individuals and entities subject to the measures imposed by paragraphs 1, 3 and 7 of resolution 1844 (2008) and on 27 September 2010 issued a press release in this connection (SC/10040).

14. From 15 to 27 April 2010, the Chairman of the Committee undertook a visit to the region, which was recommended by the Monitoring Group on Somalia in its report (S/2010/91) and was also envisioned by paragraph 7 of resolution 1676 (2006). The Chairman was accompanied by representatives from Turkey and the United States of America. The purpose of the visit was to raise awareness for and to enhance implementation of the sanctions regimes on Somalia and Eritrea, specifically the arms embargo and the exemption procedures as well as the provisions contained in resolutions 1844 (2008) and 1907 (2009), and to encourage cooperation with the Committee and the Monitoring Group. Initially, the delegation was scheduled to visit the following countries: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. However, owing to the disruption of international air traffic caused by the volcanic eruption in Iceland, the delegation was forced to revise its programme, and, therefore, was only able to visit Eritrea, Kenya and Yemen. In Kenya, the delegation also met with representatives of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia. The Chairman sent letters to the Permanent Representatives of Djibouti, Ethiopia and the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations as well as the Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union to express regret that the delegation had been unable to meet with their respective authorities and representatives in the region.

15. On 20 July 2010, the Chairman of the Committee briefed the Security Council during consultations on the Committee's activities during the past 120 days pursuant to paragraph 11 (g) of resolution 1844 (2008). His briefing mainly focused on his visit to the region from 15 to 27 April 2010.

16. During its informal consultations on 12 August 2010, the Committee considered the first 120-day report (S/2010/372) pursuant to paragraph 11 of

resolution 1916 (2010). In that connection, the Committee received briefings from the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator as well as the Chief of Staff and Director of the Office of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme. Subsequently, the Coordinator of the Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea presented the Group's work programme and responded to comments and questions from Committee members.

17. The Committee considered the second 120-day report (S/2010/580) pursuant to paragraph 11 of resolution 1916 (2010) during its informal consultations on 22 November 2010. The Committee was briefed by the Deputy Director of the Coordination and Response Division of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

18. The Chairman of the Committee briefed the Security Council during consultations on the Committee's activities during the past 120 days pursuant to paragraph 11 (g) of resolution 1844 (2008) on 29 November 2010. In his briefing he provided an account of the Committee's consideration of the first and second 120-day reports. He also updated Council members on the work of the Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea since it commenced its work on 1 August 2010.

19. During the reporting period, the Committee approved nine requests for exemptions from the arms embargo for non-lethal military equipment pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 1356 (2001) and five requests for exemptions from the arms embargo pursuant to paragraph 11 (b) of resolution 1772 (2007). The Committee also approved one notification in accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of resolution 1844 (2008).

20. With respect to paragraph 25 of resolution 1844 (2008), in which the Council requested Member States to report on the steps they had taken with a view to implementing effectively the measures imposed by the same resolution, the Committee received reports from 10 Member States in 2010 (see appendix I).

21. During the reporting period, the Committee received 32 reports from Member States in accordance with paragraph 20 of resolution 1907 (2009), in which the Council requested Member States to report on the steps they had taken to implement the measures imposed by that resolution (see appendix II).

Appendix I**Reports received from Member States in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 1844 (2008)**

<i>No.</i>	<i>Member State</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	Thailand	15 January 2010
2	Panama	15 January 2010
3	Lebanon	26 January 2010
3/Add.1	Lebanon	1 March 2010
4	Andorra	5 March 2010
5	Greece	14 April 2010
6	Italy	27 April 2010
7	Russian Federation	3 May 2010
8	Portugal	10 May 2010
9	Germany	3 June 2010
10	Turkey	3 June 2010

Appendix II

Reports received from Member States in accordance with paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1907 (2009)

<i>No.</i>	<i>Member State</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	Austria	22 March 2010
2	Andorra	24 March 2010
3	United States of America	31 March 2010
4	Gabon	1 April 2010
5	Belarus	5 April 2010
6	Serbia	6 April 2010
7	Slovakia	9 April 2010
8	Greece	14 April 2010
9	New Zealand	15 April 2010
10	Norway	15 April 2010
11	Russian Federation	16 April 2010
11/Add.1	Russian Federation	2 August 2010
12	Czech Republic	19 April 2010
13	Japan	21 April 2010
14	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	21 April 2010
15	Canada	22 April 2010
16	Switzerland	22 April 2010
17	Italy	27 April 2010
18	Belgium	30 April 2010
19	Finland	30 April 2010
20	Lebanon	5 May 2010
21	Liechtenstein	7 May 2010
22	Brazil	11 May 2010
22/Add.1	Brazil	14 September 2010
23	Portugal	10 May 2010

<i>No.</i>	<i>Member State</i>	<i>Date</i>
24	China	21 May 2010
25	Denmark	2 June 2010
26	Turkey	3 June 2010
27	Lebanon	17 June 2010
28	France	18 June 2010
29	Hungary	21 June 2010
30	Australia	30 June 2010
31	Mauritius	30 June 2010
32	Uganda	30 August 2010
