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Letter dated 25 September 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to my letter dated 24 June 2002 (S/2002/700) and its annex which set out a work programme for the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) (the Counter-Terrorism Committee) for the fourth 90-day period. I attach herewith the Committee's work programme for the fifth 90-day period (see annex).

In the next 90-day period, the Committee will continue to cooperate with States on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), building a dialogue based on the reports submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of that resolution. It will focus on offering guidance to States raising their capacity in the area covered by the resolution and, where appropriate, facilitate the provision of relevant assistance programmes. A crucial role in this regard will be played by regional and subregional organizations; the Committee will continue to encourage such organizations to play a role in the international fight against terrorism, in accordance with their respective mandates.

The Committee welcomes the support it has received so far from Member States, the Secretariat, and international, regional and subregional organizations. It pays tribute to the contribution of its team of independent experts to the Committee's work. The Committee will continue to work even-handedly and transparently. The Committee calls upon the 17 States that have not yet submitted a first report to do so as quickly as possible.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Jeremy Greenstock**
Chairman

Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (28 September-31 December 2002)

1. The present document sets out the work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for the fifth 90-day period, from 28 September to 31 December 2002. This work programme updates that submitted for the fourth 90-day period (S/2002/700).

Summary

2. The Committee will:

(a) By 31 October :

- (i) Update the directory of contact points;
- (ii) Improve the structure of its online directory of information on best practice, model laws and available assistance programmes on counter-terrorism issues;
- (iii) Review one third of the second-round letters;
- (iv) Experts will meet representatives of all States requesting assistance;

(b) By 31 December:

- (i) Complete its review of the second-round letters;
- (ii) Collate information received from international, regional and subregional organizations on their activities in the area of counter-terrorism.

Detail

1. Contact points

3. The Committee has taken steps to facilitate dialogue with States, relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and between States about the matters covered by Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) through the publication of the directory of contact points. The Committee will continue to update the directory at regular intervals, and make it accessible on the Committee's web site (www.un.org/sc/ctc). The Committee urges all States to

develop and enhance their cooperation on the matters covered by resolution 1373 (2001).

2. Advisers to the Committee

4. The Committee will continue to require expert advice. The Secretariat will, with the approval of the Committee, appoint a group of independent experts, to be based in New York. The group will comprise (a) experts reviewing the reports submitted by States pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001) and (b) experts advising the Committee on matters concerning the provision of assistance to States in implementing the resolution. The Secretariat will also maintain a list of a wider pool of experts who will be available to advise the Committee as required.

5. The Committee invites all States to consider whether they can put forward candidates as requested in the Committee's note verbale SCA3/02(6) dated 2 August 2002, and to submit the curricula vitae of possible candidates to the Secretary of the Committee (tel: 1 (212) 963-3520; fax: 1 (212) 963-7878; e-mail: ctc@un.org).

3. Reporting by States

6. The Committee and its subcommittees will continue to review the reports submitted by States pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee had, by 25 September 2002, received 261 reports. The Committee is in the second round of its exchanges with 83 Member States and the European Union. It has completed the first-round exchange with 159 Member States and 4 others. Reports have not yet been submitted by 17 Member States, of which 8 have not yet made contact with the Committee.

7. The Committee urges all States to submit a report pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001). It has invited all States that have not yet submitted a report, if they would find it helpful, to meet the relevant subcommittee or experts to discuss the issues relating to the submission of a report.

8. The scope of resolution 1373 (2001) is broad and the Committee will therefore not be able to focus in detail on every aspect in the coming 90-day period. The Committee will focus on the areas of activity that need to be tackled first for the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). This stage (stage A) of implementation can be defined broadly as follows:

(a) States should have legislation in place covering all aspects of resolution 1373 (2001), and a process in hand for ratifying as soon as possible the 12 international conventions and protocol relating to terrorism;

(b) States should have effective executive machinery for preventing and suppressing the financing of terrorist acts.

9. The review of reports will focus on monitoring the position of all States with particular regard to these two priorities, although for some State the Committee may identify additional priorities. The Committee will, in its letter to each State, consider the *implementation measures* (gathering information on implementation, identifying possible gaps), *assistance and guidance* (requests for assistance, offers of assistance) and the *submission of a further report*.

10. During the work period, the Committee will begin to discuss how best to monitor the other aspects of resolution 1373 (2001) (stage B).

4. Assistance and guidance

11. The Committee and its experts stand ready to offer guidance and advice to States on any aspect of their implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). In the coming work period, the focus of the Committee's activity in this area will be on the issues in stage A identified above.

12. States may find it useful to explore the online directory of information and sources of assistance in the areas covered by resolution 1373 (2001), which the Committee has established on its web site (www.un.org/sc/ctc). The directory is designed to be a source of information on best practice, model laws, and available assistance programmes on counter-terrorism issues.

13. The Committee will also facilitate the provision of assistance programmes to States. Member States requiring assistance may so inform the Committee either in their reports or separately at any time. The

Committee's assistance team is in contact with potential assistance providers. The team will be able to offer States guidance on available programmes, and how they should apply for them. The Committee and its experts may also offer advice to States on areas in which assistance might be available and of use, although such assistance has not been requested. Such advice is offered for consideration.

14. The Committee encourages all States in a position to do so to keep it informed of any assistance programmes aimed at facilitating the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). Details about such programmes will be placed on the directory of information and sources of assistance (see para. 3 above).

5. Dialogue with regional and subregional organizations

15. The Committee has taken steps to establish dialogue with international, regional and subregional organizations that have or intend to have counter-terrorism programmes on the matters covered by resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee will encourage such organizations to:

(a) Be determined in dealing with terrorism and to develop ongoing mechanisms for doing so in accordance with their respective mandates;

(b) Facilitate discussion on counter-terrorism, in order to share expertise and best practice within the region;

(c) Where possible, develop their own assistance plans.

16. The Committee will expand and deepen its contacts with such organizations. It will improve the flow of information on their activities by inviting all relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to contribute to a report on the activities of all international and multilateral organizations in the area of counter-terrorism.

6. Transparency in the work of the Committee

17. The Committee will continue to communicate, on a regular basis, information on its activities, including through briefings by the Chairman to interested delegations. It will also maintain an informative web site on its activities (www.un.org/sc/ctc). The Chairman and its experts will continue to inform organizations outside the United Nations of the

Committee's work through attendance at regional meetings and conferences.

18. States are encouraged to make direct contact with the subcommittee or experts to seek any clarification necessary on the issues covered in its correspondence with the Committee.
