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Letter dated 18 December 2019 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2048 \(2012\)](#) concerning Guinea-Bissau 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 [2048 \(2012\)](#) concerning Guinea-Bissau, 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) Anatolio **Ndong Mba**
Chair

Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution [2048 \(2012\)](#) concerning Guinea-Bissau



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I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2048 \(2012\)](#) concerning Guinea-Bissau covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019.
2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of Anatolio Ndong Mba (Equatorial Guinea) as Chair and the representative of South Africa as Vice-Chair.

II. Background

3. By paragraph 4 of its resolution [2048 \(2012\)](#), the Security Council imposed a travel ban on five designated individuals and, by paragraph 9, established a committee to oversee the implementation of the targeted measure. On 18 July 2012, the Committee approved the designation of six additional individuals.
4. Further background information on the Guinea-Bissau sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual reports of the Committee.

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

5. The Committee met three times in informal consultations, on 7 February, 11 September and 27 November, in addition to conducting its work through written procedures.
6. During the informal consultations held on 7 February, the Committee received a briefing from a representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on issues related to the illicit trafficking of narcotics and other forms of organized crime in Guinea-Bissau and in the region.
7. During the informal consultations held on 11 September, the Committee received a briefing by the Chief of the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch on the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made with regard to the stabilization and restoration of constitutional order in Guinea-Bissau ([S/2019/696](#)). The Assistant Secretary-General for Africa of the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations also gave a briefing on the political situation in the country. The Chair also proposed that the Committee visit Guinea-Bissau before the start of the electoral campaign for the presidential election.
8. During the informal consultations held on 27 November, the Committee received a briefing by the Chair on his visit to Guinea-Bissau and discussed recommendations on possible future initiatives to continue to monitor the situation in the country.
9. Following the above-mentioned informal consultations, and in accordance with paragraph 104 of the note by the President of the Security Council ([S/2017/507](#)), the Committee issued press releases containing a brief summary of the meetings.
10. On 10 September, the Chair briefed the Security Council on the activities of the Committee, pursuant to paragraph 9 (d) of resolution [2048 \(2012\)](#) (see [S/PV.8614](#)).
11. The Chair visited Guinea and Guinea-Bissau from 28 to 30 October to obtain a first-hand understanding of the effective implementation of the sanctions measures

imposed by the Security Council in its resolution [2048 \(2012\)](#), to discuss the progress made on the restoration of constitutional order in Guinea-Bissau in the light of the upcoming presidential election and to encourage the relevant stakeholders to continue to respect constitutional order.

12. The Committee sent six communications to one Member State and other stakeholders, with reference to the implementation of the sanctions measures.

IV. Exemptions

13. Exemptions to the travel ban are contained in paragraph 5 of resolution [2048 \(2012\)](#).

14. During the reporting period, the Committee did not receive any requests for exemption.

V. Sanctions list

15. The criteria for the designation of individuals as subject to the travel ban are set out in paragraph 6 of resolution [2048 \(2012\)](#). The procedures for requesting listing and delisting are described in the guidelines of the Committee for the conduct of its work.

16. As at the end of the reporting period, there were 10 individuals on the sanctions list of the Committee.

VI. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

17. 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 and the Department of Safety and Security as well as the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau, provided support for the visit of the Chair and the members of the Committee to Guinea-Bissau from 28 to 30 October.

18. 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 \(2017\)](#).

19. Pursuant to paragraph 28 of resolution [2404 \(2018\)](#), the Secretary-General submitted his report on the progress made by Guinea-Bissau with regard to the stabilization and restoration of constitutional order in the country and recommendations on the continuation of the sanctions regime, in line with paragraph 12 of resolution [2048 \(2012\)](#), on 29 August 2019 ([S/2019/696](#)).