



# Security Council

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## Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1533 \(2004\)](#) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

### Note verbale dated 11 January 2021 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1533 \(2004\)](#) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo and has the honour to transmit herewith the report prepared by the Government of Mexico on the implementation of that resolution (see annex).



**Annex to the note verbale dated 11 January 2021 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee**

**Implementation report submitted by Mexico pursuant to Security Council resolution 1533 (2004)**

As part of the national efforts to effectively implement the sanctions regime concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has provided the relevant agencies with timely notification of the amendments made to the sanctions list of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004).

In addition, the provisions relating to the arms embargo are incorporated into the latest updates to the agreement amending the instrument establishing measures to restrict the export or import of various goods to listed countries, entities and individuals, published in the Official Gazette of the Federation.

Government ministries have taken the following steps:

- The Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, through the General Administration of Customs, has made efforts to identify, under chapter 93 “Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof”, foreign trade operations in which the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been declared as the country of origin or destination, and that origin was added to the national risk models and blacklists with a view to identifying future operations that could require an alert. Passengers arriving from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as Congolese nationals, are monitored to determine whether an alert should be issued to the relevant authorities.
- The Ministry of Communications and Transport has reported that the Government of Mexico is implementing a local airport security programme to prevent acts of unlawful interference, in line with the recommendations issued by the International Civil Aviation Organization. The programme covers the detection of weapons, explosives and improvised explosive devices carried by passengers on their person and in their luggage. The Ministry stressed that the civil aviation security measures adopted at Mexico City International Airport are in line with the standards and recommendations issued by the International Civil Aviation Organization to prevent acts of unlawful interference in international civil aviation.
- The Ministry of Energy, through the National Commission for Nuclear Security and Safeguards, has taken note that some materials referred to in Security Council resolutions 1493 (2003) and 1533 (2004) may be subject to export control by the National Commission, and has thus verified that their export to the Democratic Republic of the Congo is not authorized.

The following steps have been taken to implement the sanctions regime of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004), as part of the efforts of the Specialized High-level Committee on Disarmament, Terrorism and International Security:

- The Ministry of Defence notifies its various internal bodies of amendments to the Committee’s sanctions list so that they can collaborate with federal agencies when the Ministry’s intervention is required. It also provides support for the protection of strategic materials, including nuclear and radiological materials, in accordance with the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear

Material and other related international legal instruments to which Mexico is a party, to prevent the unauthorized removal of such materials, or acts of sabotage.

- The Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, through the Financial Intelligence Unit, is responsible for analysing amendments to the Security Council sanctions lists in order to consolidate the list of blocked individuals circulated to Mexican financial institutions. This list, which is confidential, is used to prevent and detect illegal acts provided for in national laws. If a financial institution finds the name of any of its customers or users on the list, it shall immediately suspend all acts, operations or services and submit an unusual transaction report within 24 hours.
  - The Ministry of Economic Affairs reported that it and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs arranged for joint publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation of the agreement establishing measures to restrict the export or import of various goods to listed countries, entities and individuals (the sanctions agreement), on 29 November 2012, setting out the provisions of the Security Council resolutions on sanctions regimes. The sanctions agreement is updated periodically, to properly restrict trade with entities and individuals listed by the Security Council.
  - The Ministry of Communications and Transport has reported that the lists of individuals and entities subject to the assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo are periodically transmitted to the Merchant Navy, the Mexican Chamber of the Maritime Transport Industry, the Mexican Association of Cargo Agents, the Mexican Association of Tugowners and the Mexican Association of Shipping Agents, so that the maritime community and its members can be advised to take appropriate measures to further strengthen cooperation and the implementation of the sanctions regime in all its aspects and within the scope of their competence.
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