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**Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012)
concerning Guinea-Bissau****Note verbale dated 2 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of
the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of
the Committee**

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau and has the honour to submit to the Committee the requested report of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the implementation of Council resolution 2048 (2012) (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Netherlands would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to providing the Committee with any additional information that the Committee deems necessary or may request.



**Annex to the note verbale dated 2 August 2016 from the
Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations
addressed to the Chair of the Committee**

**Report of the Netherlands on the implementation of
Security Council resolution 2048 (2012)**

Pursuant to paragraph 10 of Security Council resolution 2048 (2012), the Government of the Netherlands has the honour to inform you regarding the steps it has taken to implement the measures imposed by resolution 2048 (2012).

The implementation of United Nations sanctions is an autonomous competence for Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten and the Netherlands, although the Kingdom of the Netherlands remains accountable under international law. Only the Netherlands is a member of the European Union.

Member States of the European Union implement the provisions of Security Council resolutions that fall within the scope of the competence of the European Union by means of the relevant European regulatory acts, comprising European Union Council regulations, European Union Council decisions and European Union common positions. The Netherlands and the other States members of the European Union have jointly implemented the restrictive measures against Guinea-Bissau imposed by Security Council resolution 2048 (2012).

Council Decision (CFSP) 2012/285 and Council Regulation (EU) 377/2012 transposing resolution 2048 (2012) into European Union law entered into force on 31 May 2012 and 3 May 2012 respectively. Decision 2012/237/CFSP transposing European Union restrictive measures already imposed by European Union Council decision was therefore amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2012/285 and Council Regulation (EU) 377/2012, according to the standards set in Security Council resolution 2048 (2012). The additional autonomous restrictive measures against certain individuals, as set out in Council Decision 2012/237/CFSP, were added to Council Decision (CFSP) 2012/285 and Council Regulation (EU) 377/2012.

European Union Council Decision (CFSP) 2012/285 and European Union Council Regulation (EU) 377/2012 set out its commitment to implementation of all the measures contained in Security Council resolution 2048 (2012) and provide the basis for specific implementing measures by the European Union within the scope of the resolution.

As soon as the European regulation was adopted, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, in cooperation with the other ministers concerned, laid down the necessary national provisions in secondary legislation, within the framework of the Sanctions Act 1977. Pending the adoption of the European Union regulation and, subsequently, national secondary legislation, the Netherlands implemented its obligations under the Security Council through its existing national legislation and instruments, namely, border patrol, visa and import/export licences.

The national provision is currently adapted to the latest European Union regulation. Penalization of a violation of the relevant European Union Council decisions and regulations, as mentioned above, is laid down in the national sanctions regulation concerning Guinea-Bissau entering into force on 15 June 2012.