

Briefing to the UN Security Council on behalf of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) by Ambassador Marcello Spatafora, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations

1. I have the honour to brief the Security Council on the activities of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) of 14 October 2006, for the period of 17 April through 10 July 2007, in accordance with operative paragraph 12 (g) of resolution 1718 (2006).

2. In the reporting period, the Committee has been meeting with such frequency as necessary to carry out its duties effectively. During the reporting period, the Committee held one formal meeting and 7 informal consultations at the expert level.

3. I am pleased to inform the Council that – as a result of intense negotiations and thanks to the very constructive approach shown by all delegations – on 20 June 2007, at its formal meeting, the Committee adopted the Guidelines for the conduct of its work. This document – which was transmitted to all States for their information and use, as necessary, and was posted on the Committee’s webpage – will be a tool to guide the work of the Committee and to facilitate the implementation of the measures imposed by resolution 1718 (2006).

4. In accordance with its mandate, the Committee continues the process of determining additional items, materials, equipment, goods and technology to be specified for the purpose of paragraphs 8 (a) (ii) of the resolution, and of adjusting the lists contained in documents S/2006/814, S/2006/815, and S/2006/853, through the consideration of amendments proposed by the members of the Committee.

5. Paragraph 11 of resolution 1718 (2006) calls upon all Member States of the United Nations to report to the Security Council within thirty days of the adoption of the resolution on the steps they have taken with a view to implementing effectively the provisions of paragraph 8 of the resolution. As of 10 July 2007 the Committee received replies from 71 countries and one organisation (European Union) to its Note Verbale of 1 November 2006, concerning the implementation of UNSCR 1718 (2006). 7 countries provided further information in addition to their first reply. Replies are being issued as official documents of the Committee and are also accessible electronically at the UN Official Documents System (UNODS) and on the Committee website, unless a State requests that its reply be kept confidential.

6. While affirming that the primary responsibility for implementing the provisions of resolution 1718 (2006) rests with States, the Committee - when requested - stands ready to facilitate implementation of these measures. The Committee will continue this cooperation with Member States and/or relevant organizations upon receiving specific requests in this regard.

7. In operative paragraph 12 (e) of resolution 1718, the Security Council decided to give a mandate to the Committee to designate additional individuals and entities subject to the measures imposed by paragraphs 8 (d) and 8 (e) of resolution 1718 (2006), i. e. targeted financial

sanctions and travel ban respectively. I wish to inform the Council that during the reporting period the Committee has received no requests for designation on the basis of the criteria contained in the two subparagraphs referred to above.

Thank you for your attention.