

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED  
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1737 (2006)

Chairman's 90-day report to the Security Council

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1. In my capacity as Chairperson of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 of 23 December 2006, I have the honour to report to the Security Council in accordance with subparagraph 18(h) of that resolution, covering the period 23 December 2006 to 23 March 2007.
2. By adopting resolution 1737 on 23 December 2006, the Council imposed certain measures relating to the Islamic Republic of Iran. These measures included a proliferation sensitive nuclear activities-related and nuclear weapon delivery systems-related embargo and individual targeted measures – namely an assets freeze and requirements concerning travel – on persons and entities designated in an Annex to the resolution as well as on any additional persons and entities designated by the Security Council or the Committee. The freeze also includes the assets of persons or entities acting on behalf of or at the direction of persons or entities designated in the Annex to resolution 1737 (2006), as well as the assets of entities owned or controlled by them. In addition, the Council called upon all States to prevent specialized teaching or training of Iranian nationals in disciplines which would contribute to Iran's proliferation sensitive nuclear activities and development of nuclear weapon delivery systems.
3. The Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 has been entrusted with undertaking the tasks set out in paragraph 18 of the resolution – namely, to seek from States information regarding the actions taken by them to implement effectively the relevant measures and whatever further information it might consider useful in that regard; to seek from the IAEA information regarding the actions taken by the IAEA to implement effectively the relevant measures concerning the technical cooperation provided to Iran by the IAEA and whatever further information it might consider useful in that regard; to examine and take appropriate action on information regarding alleged violations of the relevant measures of resolution 1737; to consider and decide upon requests for exemptions from the relevant measures; to determine as might be necessary additional items etc, the supply of which to Iran would be prohibited; to designate as might be necessary additional individuals and entities as subject to the assets freeze and the measures regarding travel; to promulgate guidelines as might be necessary; and to report at least every 90 days to the Security Council.
4. Members will recall that, following consultations, the Council elected the bureau of the Committee for 2007 on 18 January, with myself as Chairperson and the delegations of Ghana and Peru serving as Vice-Chairs. The Committee began its work by convening its first formal meeting shortly thereafter, on 23 January. At that meeting, in my introductory remarks, I explained to the Committee's members that our task was not to elaborate on interpretations which could enlarge or restrict the scope of resolution 1737; our task was rather to facilitate and monitor the effective implementation of that resolution as it stands. Each new proposal submitted to the Committee would, therefore, be judged in terms of the degree to which it contributed to a better and faithful implementation of the resolution. I also proposed an initial

programme of work, starting with the consideration of guidelines for the conduct of the Committee's work and moving on, as necessary, to the examination of Member States' implementation reports, while, at the same time, not precluding consideration of any matter that might arise meanwhile.

5. Since that first meeting, the members of the Committee have met in 6 sessions of informal consultations, almost every week. I am pleased to report that, as a result of intensive efforts made by its members, and in a spirit of cooperation and good faith, the Committee has made good progress in the preparation of the guidelines for the conduct of its work, and it is my hope that we can adopt such guidelines in the near future. We expect the guidelines to serve as a useful tool in organizing our work and facilitating the implementation by the Member States of the measures imposed by the Council. The overall approach followed by the Committee was to keep the text of the guidelines short and clear; to avoid repetition and thereby avoid ambiguities. Throughout this process, the members have aimed at ensuring that the results are consistent with the letter and spirit of resolution 1737.

6. In resolution 1737, in paragraph 19, the Security Council decided that all States would report to the Committee within 60 days of the adoption of that resolution on the steps they had taken with a view to implementing effectively paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 17 of that resolution. With respect to those implementation reports, in my capacity as Chairperson, I transmitted a note verbale dated 7 February 2007 to all Member States, drawing attention to their obligations under paragraph 19 of resolution 1737.

7. As of today, the Committee has received reports from 58 Member States, as well as a report from the European Union. Of those, 26 reports, as well as the EU submission, were received by the deadline, i.e. on or before 21 February 2007. These reports are being issued as official UN documents, unless a State requests that its report be kept confidential. Having undertaken a preliminary review of the reports, I would like to inform members of the Council that 51 States reported that they already had legislation in place that covers the relevant paragraphs of the resolution. A further 7 States reported on the steps they had taken, or will be taking, to put the necessary legal framework into place. Finally, all States that submitted reports assured the Committee of their commitment to implementing resolution 1737 and meeting their obligations as outlined therein. I have invited members of the Committee to bring to the Committee's attention any questions or comments they might have on any of the reports.

8. Resolution 1737 also tasked the Committee with seeking from the IAEA secretariat information regarding the actions taken by the IAEA to implement effectively the measures imposed by paragraph 16 of resolution 1737, which restricts the scope of the technical cooperation provided by the IAEA to Iran, and whatever further information it might consider useful in that regard. By a letter dated 5 February 2007 addressed to the Director-General of the IAEA, I invited the Agency to provide to the Committee, at its earliest convenience, such information. Via reply dated 13 February, the IAEA informed the Committee that its Board of Governors planned to consider the issue of its cooperation with Iran in light of resolution 1737 at the Board's meetings beginning on 5 March 2007, and that the Agency would provide the requested information as soon as possible after the conclusion of the Board's consideration of this matter.

9. Subsequently, on 8 March, the IAEA transmitted its report on this subject, in which it informed the Committee that the Board of Governors of the IAEA concurred with the actions proposed in the report of the Director General dated 9 February. Out of 55 projects, 22 will be suspended. Technical cooperation will continue for food, agricultural, medical, safety and humanitarian purposes. IAEA projects in these fields range from the improvement of nuclear waste management to the use of radioactive sources in medical treatments, the safety evaluation and upgrading of the Tehran Research Reactor, and assistance to the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) in strengthening its capabilities for the start-up and operation of the Bushehr nuclear power plant.

10. Among the projects for which IAEA cooperation is suspended, are the strengthening of capabilities for Iran's national nuclear energy programme, the establishment of a new Nuclear Technology Center, the improvement of capabilities in the field of strategic planning and various technical training programmes.

11. As I recalled at the beginning of my statement, the Committee has a mandate to designate additional persons and entities as subject to the assets freeze and, in the case of the former, also to the requirements concerning travel. The Committee also has a mandate, under paragraph 3(d) of resolution 1737, to determine any additional items etc which could contribute to enrichment-related, reprocessing or heavy water-related activities, or to the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems. During the reporting period, the Committee did not receive any requests for designation of individuals or entities on the basis of the criteria contained in resolution 1737. Nor did the Committee receive any requests to include any additional items in the lists of proscribed items.

12. With respect to the individuals and entities already designated in the Annex to resolution 1737, the Committee has not yet received any notifications or requests for exemptions, or requests for delisting. Similarly, no requests for exemption were received under paragraph 9 of resolution 1737, which relates to the provision of items or assistance that would clearly not, as determined in advance by the Committee, contribute to the development of Iran's technologies in support of its proliferation sensitive nuclear activities and of the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems.

13. In conclusion, Mr. President, while the Security Council conducts its review of Iran's actions in light of the report received from the IAEA pursuant to paragraph 23 of resolution 1737, and while the Council deliberates its next steps pursuant to paragraph 24 of the same resolution, I wish to affirm that the Committee will continue to conduct its work as effectively as possible, as mandated by this resolution.

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