

Concept ILW Event

Objective

Launch of the project to create Best Practices Guides for 1) chairpersons and delegations of the UN sanctions committees and 2) UN sanctions monitoring experts and their coordinators.

Key issues

The UN sanctions system is constantly evolving in terms of its complexity, diversity of sanctions measures and implementation obligations. Recommendations of the Compendium of the High Level Review of UN Sanctions (2015), the Assessment of Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities (2017), and the Note by the President of the Security Council (S/2017/507), attempt to answer to this evolution.

Part of the changes that occurred in the last years, has left sanctions committees and expert groups in a need for more harmonized guidance. A new joint-initiative launched by the governments of Australia, Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Sweden, in collaboration with other interested states, and assisted by Compliance and Capacity Skills (CCSI) aims to provide this guidance with two Best Practices Guides for 1) chairpersons and delegations of the UN sanctions committees , and 2) UN sanctions monitoring experts and their coordinators.

The supporting member states believe that enhancing the effectiveness and transparency of the Security Council's protective, preventive and coercive sanctions tool requires an ongoing sharpening of the sanctions implementation skills of E10 delegations, which participate in and normally chair the sanctions committees.

The Guides will not only serve as invaluable induction and training tools for incoming committee member states and experts. They are also expected to foster greater understanding and participation in the UN sanctions system, and enable fuller participation of states' delegations typically hampered by capacity constraints.

Beginning with the launch event during International Law Week, the development of the Guides will evolve over the coming months in consultation with current, former and recently elected UN sanctions actors and stakeholders, and address the following themes:

- Best practices for preparation for mandates of chairpersons, E10s, UN sanctions monitoring experts and their coordinators;
- Obligations and responsibilities;
- Committee procedures, guidelines, decisions and actions, documents and reporting obligations to Security Council.
- UN sanctions monitoring experts' working methodologies and evidentiary standards, reporting obligations to sanctions committees and other entities, confidentiality and safekeeping of monitoring data, due process obligations, report format;
- Physical security and safety in the field.

The consultations with over multiple groups of sanctions actors will commence shortly. Individual invitations from the sponsoring states will be accompanied by a detailed briefing paper for each consultation.

The Best Practices Guide for chairpersons and delegations of the UN sanctions committees will be launched before the end of this year, while the Guide for UN sanctions monitoring experts and their coordinators will be released in summer 2019.

Speakers

- Welcome by **H.E. Mr. Olof Skoog**, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations
- Presentation of the project on Sanctions Best Practices Guides, **Mr. Enrico Carisch and Ms. Loraine Rickard Martin**, CCSI
- Intervention by **H.E. Mr. Karel J.G. van Oosterom**, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations - experiences and challenges as chair of a sanctions committee
- Intervention by **H.E. Mr. Paul Rietjens**, Legal Adviser and Director-General of Legal Affairs, Federal Public Service for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of Belgium – on importance of due process for effective implementation of sanctions

Participants

This event is aimed at bringing together Security Council members, including current, former and future chairpersons of and E10 delegations to sanctions committees, and other interested states to discuss the key issues outlined above. Expertise from the Secretariat will also be invited. The speakers will make short interventions followed by an interactive discussion with all participants.

Contact

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