Statement to be delivered on behalf of the Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee, the Counter-Terrorism Committee, and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on 27 November 2013

- 1. On behalf of the Chairs of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011), concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001), on counterterrorism, and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, I have the honour to brief the Council on the continuing cooperation among the three Committees and their respective expert groups.
- 2. On 18 November, the Chairs of these three Committees joined the Chairs of the Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1718 (2006), 1737 (2006) and 1988 (2011) and the President of the Financial Action Task Force in an open briefing for Member States on the respective roles of the Security Council and the FATF in combating the financing of terrorism and proliferation. The meeting aimed to increase awareness amongst Member States of the measures imposed by the Council and the related recommendations and guidance developed by the FATF, and the assistance that the Council sanctions committees and their experts groups, and the FATF, can provide Member States.
- 3. Further to this open briefing, the three Committees through their expert groups have continued their practice of sharing relevant information and meeting, where appropriate, in order to discuss common issues, coordinate actions and exchange points of view on particular issues. The three expert groups participate actively in the activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) and have continued their close cooperation in particular on issues related to combating money laundering and the financing of terrorism and proliferation.
- 4. All three expert groups coordinate their outreach activities and country visits on a regular basis. Where appropriate, they consult each other when planning country visits or similar trips in order to allow participation of experts of the other groups in a particular visit or allow the other groups to communicate specific needs for information from the countries to be visited. The three expert groups continue to explore further strengthening of current coordination and cooperation.

** END OF ORAL BRIEFING **

Annex: Joint Activities of the Monitoring Team, the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) and the 1540 Committee Expert Group

Outreach and country visits

- 1. Since the last joint briefing, the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) and the 1540 Committee Group of Experts have continued with, and increased the practice of, coordinating their outreach activities and country visits. Where appropriate, they consult each other when planning country visits or similar trips in order to allow participation of experts of the other groups in a particular visit or allow the other groups to communicate specific needs for information from the countries to be visited.
- 2. The 1540 Committee Group of Experts participated with CTED in the Counter-Terrorism Committee's (CTC) visits to Guyana and Suriname from 4 to 11 October 2013. Furthermore, in preparations for the visits to Japan from 21 to 24 May, Belarus from 16 to 18 October, Ukraine from 21 to 23 October, Mauritania from 3 to 7 November, and Ireland from 2 to 6 December, CTED consulted the expert groups of both Committees, including on their participation in the visits. In the event that they did not participate, they were invited to convey queries to the local authorities during the visits. Upon return, the relevant expert groups were provided with the responses to the inquiries, or with relevant information that was made available to the delegation during the visit. An example of the latter was a presentation made by Belarus during the CTC's visit on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), which was later provided to the 1540 Committee Group of Experts.
- 3. Both the Monitoring Team and the 1540 Committee Group of Experts were invited to a meeting between CTED and a delegation from Egypt in July as part of a study tour organized by the Government of the United States, and gave presentations on their respective mandates and latest activities. A similar event with a delegation from Jordan on 8 November was also attended by the Monitoring Team at the invitation of CTED.

Cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations

- 4. The three expert groups participate actively in the activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and its working groups which continue to provide a platform for enhanced cooperation for the expert groups and over 30 United Nations organizations, agencies and programmes concerned with various aspects of counter-terrorism. They also contributed to the new CTITF Matrix of UN Counter-terrorism Projects and Activities.
- 5. The three expert groups have continued their close cooperation on issues related combating money laundering and the financing of terrorism and proliferation. For example, CTED liaised with the expert group of each Committee to facilitate their participation in the regional workshop jointly organized with the Secretariat of Middle-East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENAFATF) on "The effective implementation of UNSC Resolutions and the relevant UN Conventions and international

standards on combating money laundering and the financing of terrorism and proliferation" in Jordan, on 2 and 3 October 2013, and the 1267 Monitoring Team subsequently attended. In addition, an expert from the 1267 Monitoring Team participated in the workshop on freezing of assets organized jointly by CTED with the Eurasian Group on Combatting Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG) and the International Training and Methodology Centre for Financial Monitoring (ITMCFM) on 10 and 11 November 2013. On 18 November 2013, the Chairs of the three Committees, together with the Chairs of the Security Council Committees established by resolutions 1718 (2006) and 1737 (2006), held a joint open briefing of the Chairs of the Security Council Committees engaged in countering the financing of terrorism and proliferation and the President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on their respective roles. On the same day, the expert groups met with the FATF President and the FATF Secretariat to discuss their future cooperation in the context of implementation of the relevant FATF recommendations, among other things.

Exchange of information

- 6. The three expert groups have continued to share relevant information on a regular basis. For example, CTED continued to share its monthly reports and mission reports with experts of the other two Committees. Additionally, both CTED and the Monitoring have implemented mechanisms to make information easily available to their respective teams, where appropriate. The 1540 Committee Group of Experts has continued to prepare information notes on the Committee's outreach events and post them on the Committee's website for the purpose of transparency and information sharing. The three groups have shared their respective working calendars of events and other relevant information.
- 7. The three expert groups continue to hold joint meetings where appropriate in order to discuss common issues, coordinate actions and exchange information on particular issues.
- 8. For example, the 1540 Committee Group of Experts and the 1267 Monitoring Team experts have started to hold regular informal exchanges about new challenges, such as the implications for their respective mandates of the developments in science and technology relating to chemical biological radiological and nuclear (CBRN) weapons in relation to non-state actors including terrorists.
- 9. In addition, the CTC continued to extend invitations to the other two expert groups when arranging thematic briefings by visiting officials from intergovernmental organisations, for example on occasion of briefings by World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE)/Organisation of American States (OAS), the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the World Customs Organisation (WCO) or the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe OSCE.

Future additional steps

- 10. The work of the three Committees, when considered together, continues to present opportunities for further synergies and potential multiplier effect for the delivery of results. As outlined above, cooperation functions well at the working level and has been further increased.
- 11. The Committees and its expert groups continue also to explore further strengthening of current coordination and cooperation mechanisms while maintaining respect for the independence of the respective experts and their mandates.
- 12. In this regard, CTED and the 1540 Committee Group of Experts are considering establishing enhanced and innovative joint interaction on a number of issues, including on late or non-submitting States in providing reports under the relevant Security Council resolutions, the possible use, where appropriate, of shared regionally-based focal points, and/or in the area of border management.
- 13. Further information concerning the activities and mandates of the three Committees and their expert groups may be found on their respective websites: http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/, http://www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/ and http://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/