

2023 informal report of the Focal Point for De-listing established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1730 (2006)

The following is presented as the ninth informal report of the Focal Point for De-listing established pursuant to resolution [1730 \(2006\)](#), covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023.

Background and overview

1. The Focal Point for De-listing was established within the Secretariat pursuant to resolution [1730](#) of 19 December 2006. It is mandated to receive de-listing requests from petitioners on all sanctions committees' lists other than the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List, and performs the tasks outlined in the annex to that resolution.<sup>1</sup> Since the adoption of resolution [1730 \(2006\)](#), the Focal Point's mandate has been modified, or added to, as outlined in the below table.<sup>2</sup>

Evolution of the mandate of the Focal Point for De-listing			
19 December 2006	17 December 2012	17 December 2015	21 December 2015
Adoption of resolution <a href="#">1730 (2006)</a>	Adoption of resolution <a href="#">2083 (2012)</a>	Adoption of resolution <a href="#">2253 (2015)</a>	Adoption of resolution <a href="#">2255 (2015)</a>
Establishment within the Secretariat of the Focal Point for De-listing.  Receives de-listing requests from petitioners on all committee sanctions lists other than the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List, and performs the tasks outlined in the annex to that resolution.	Focal Point receives travel ban and assets freeze exemption requests from petitioners on the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List.	Focal Point receives communications from individuals de-listed from the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List as well as individuals claiming to have been subjected to the sanctions measures in relation to ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida mistakenly.	Focal Point receives travel ban and assets freeze exemption requests from petitioners on 1988 Sanctions List.

2. The website of the Focal Point provides more detailed information on its work, mandate, and procedures. It is available at [www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/delisting](http://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/delisting). The contact information of the Focal Point is also available on the website.

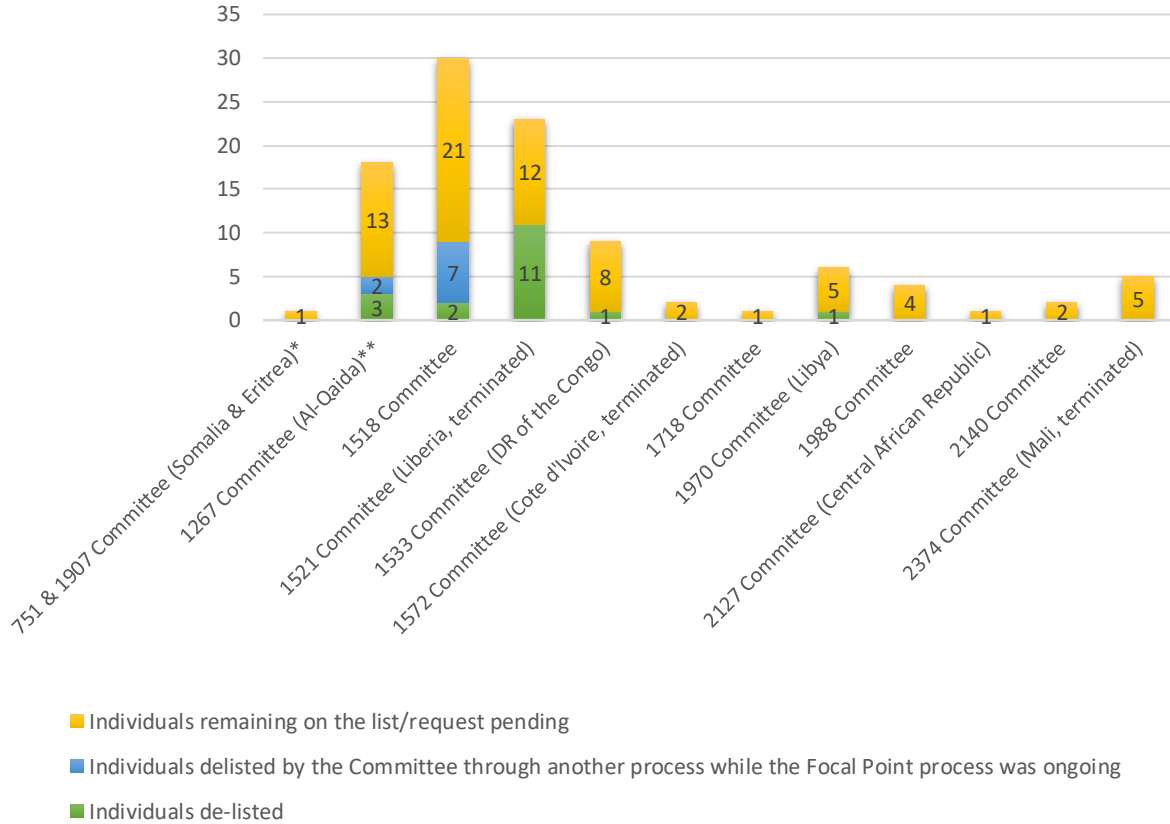
3. The following two bar graphs reflect the number of individuals and entities who submitted de-listing requests to the Focal Point since its establishment until 31 December 2023,

<sup>1</sup> De-listing requests from petitioners on the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List are received by the Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution [1904](#) of 17 December 2009.

<sup>2</sup> The following resolutions have modified, or added to, the scope of the Focal Point's mandate: [1904 \(2009\)](#), [1988 \(2011\)](#), [2083 \(2012\)](#), [2161 \(2014\)](#), [2253 \(2015\)](#), [2255 \(2015\)](#) and [2610 \(2021\)](#).

as well as the number of individuals and entities de-listed through the Focal Point process during the same time period.<sup>3</sup>

### De-listing requests: total number of individuals

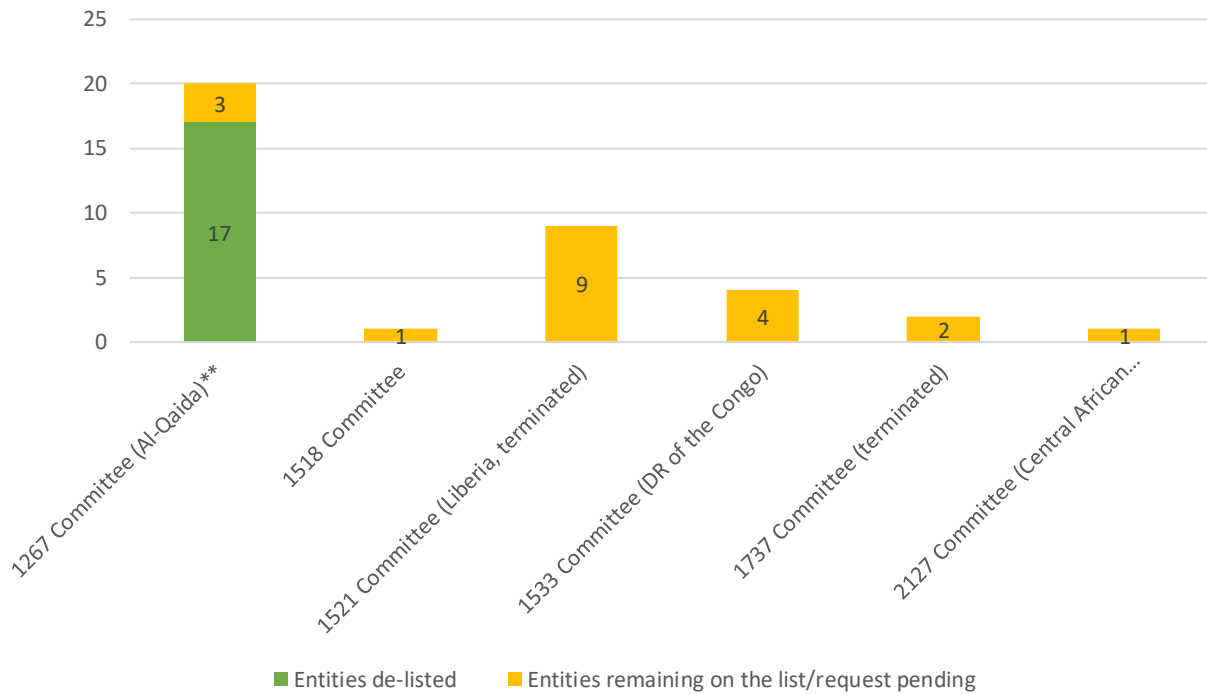


\* Until 14 November 2018, when resolution [2444 \(2018\)](#) was adopted, lifting the sanctions on Eritrea. From that date until 17 November 2022, the Committee was known as the Committee pursuant to resolution [751 \(1992\)](#) concerning Somalia. From that date until 1 December 2023, the Committee was known as the Committee pursuant to resolution [751 \(1992\)](#) concerning Al-Shabaab. Thereafter, this Committee is known as the Committee pursuant to resolution [2713 \(2023\)](#) concerning Al-Shabaab.

\*\* Until 17 December 2009, when resolution [1904 \(2009\)](#) was adopted, establishing the Office of the Ombudsperson. Since 17 December 2015, this Committee is known as the Committee pursuant to resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities.

<sup>3</sup> Please note that the number of individuals and entities involved in the submission of de-listing requests does not correspond to the actual number of requests received, which is much lower. In some cases, joint requests were submitted by two or more individuals, and in other cases, some individuals or entities submitted more than one request or submitted requests both on their behalf and on behalf of the entities associated with them.

## De-listing requests: total number of entities

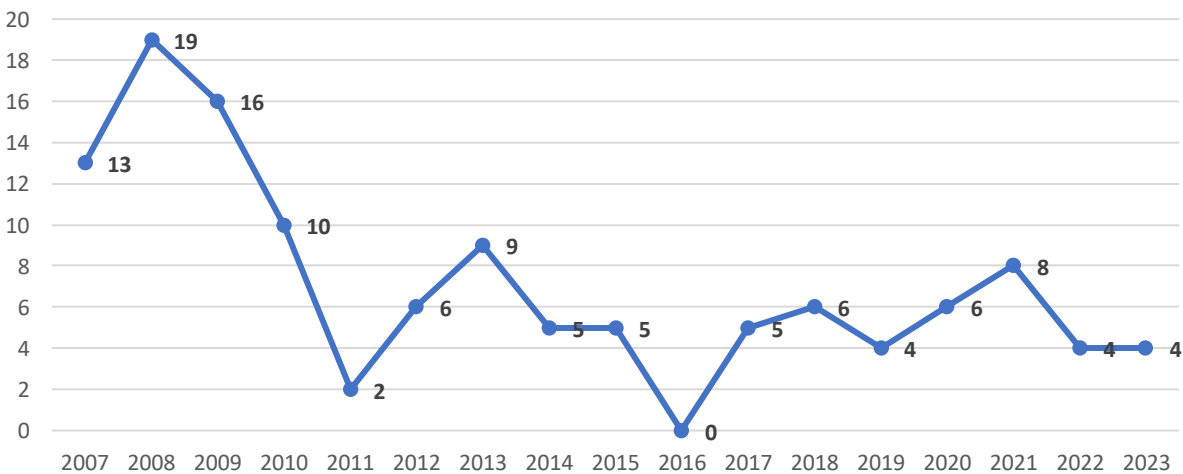


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4. The line graph below represents the number of de-listing requests received by the Focal Point each year since its establishment until 31 December 2023.

## De-listing requests received per year

Total: 122

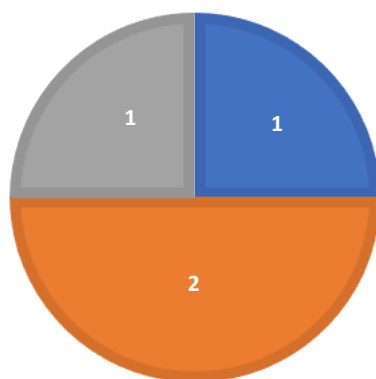


## Activities

5. During the period under review, the Focal Point received four de-listing requests concerning four individuals whose names are inscribed on the [1518 Sanctions List](#), the [1970 Sanctions List](#) (one of these was the second request presented by the petitioner and the other the third), and the [1988 Sanctions List](#) (this was the second request presented by the petitioner).
6. The graph below represents the distribution of requests received in 2023.

### **Distribution of requests received in 2023**

■ 1518 Committee   ■ 1970 Committee   ■ 1988 Committee



7. The processing of one of the requests for removal from the [1970 Sanctions List](#) has been completed. In accordance with paragraph 8 (a) of the annex to resolution [1730 \(2006\)](#), the petitioner has been informed of the positive outcome. For the second request involving the [1970 Sanctions List](#), the definite period of time to review the request has concluded and, in accordance with paragraph 6 (a) of the annex, it has been transmitted to the 1970 Committee for its consideration. By 31 December 2023, the request was still under consideration by the Committee.

8. In the cases of the two individuals inscribed on the [1518 Sanctions List](#) and the [1988 Sanctions List](#), one or more reviewing States, as per paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution [1730 \(2006\)](#), have indicated that they required an additional definite period of time to review the request, in accordance with paragraph 6 (c) of the annex. Consequently, the consideration process of their request continues into 2024.

9. In connection with de-listing requests received by the Focal Point in previous years, the developments were as follows:

- Four individuals were de-listed by the 1518 Committee pursuant to a request submitted by a Member State while the Focal Point process was ongoing, rendering the de-listing

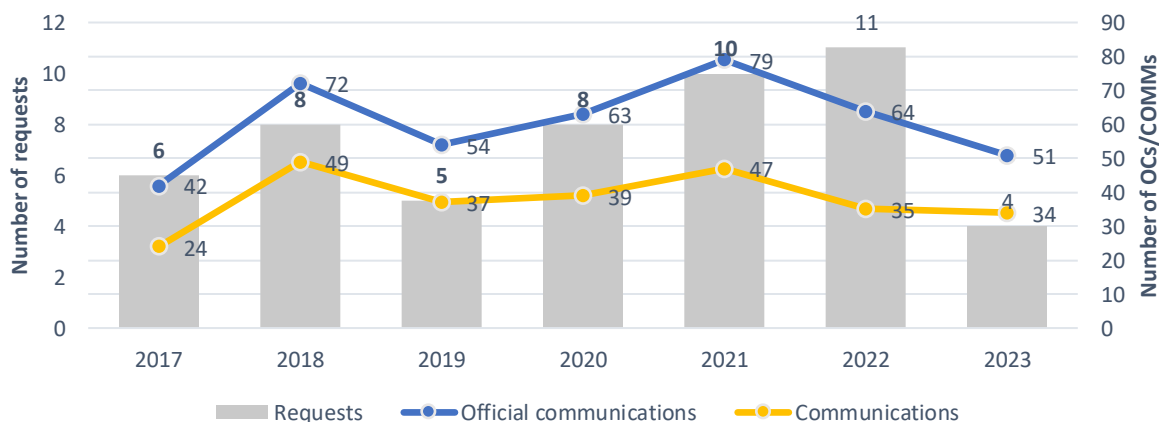
requests moot. Two of these requests were initially submitted to the Focal Point in 2021 and the other two in 2022.

- The processes to consider two other requests pending from 2022, and one from 2014, involving three individuals whose names are on the [1518 Sanctions List](#) continued. These processes were not concluded due to additional extensions of the review timeframe requested by one or more reviewing States.
- The definite period of time to review a request from 2021 involving one individual whose name is on the [1970 Sanctions List](#) concluded. In accordance with paragraph 6 (a) of the annex to resolution [1730 \(2006\)](#), it was transmitted to the 1970 Committee for its consideration. By 31 December 2023, the request was still under consideration by the 1970 Committee.

10. Regarding asset freeze exemption requests received by the Focal Point in previous years, one pending request from 2022 was approved by the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee.

11. Overall, in 2023, the Focal Point received four new requests for de-listing, a total of 34 communications (from petitioners or their representatives and Member States) and issued a total of 51 official communications (addressed to petitioners or their representatives, Committee Chairs and reviewing States).

**Focal Point activity: number of requests received\*, communications processed and official communications issued**



\* Requests include de-listing requests, exemption requests as well as communications concerning post de-listing challenges and misidentification.

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