

2020 informal report of the Focal Point for De-listing established pursuant to
Security Council resolution 1730 (2006)

The following is presented as the seventh informal report of the Focal Point for De-listing established pursuant to resolution 1730 (2006), covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020.

Background and overview

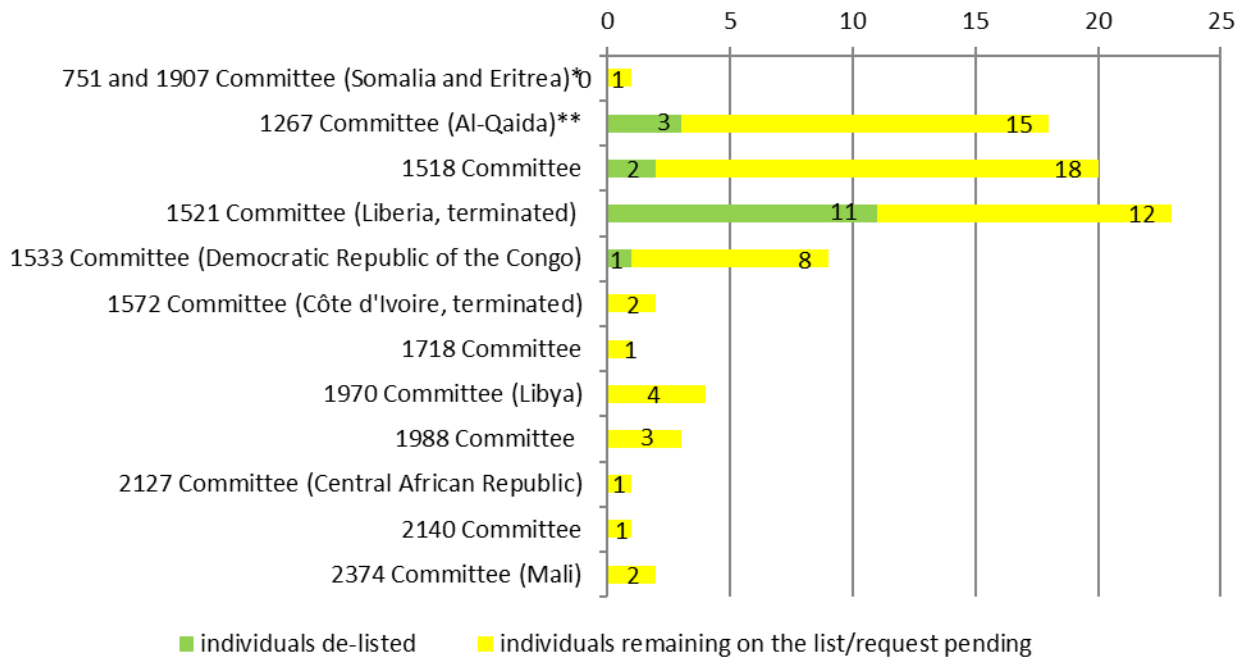
1. The Focal Point for De-listing, established within the Secretariat pursuant to resolution 1730 of 19 December 2006, receives de-listing requests from petitioners on all committee sanctions lists other than the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List, and performs the tasks outlined in the annex to that resolution.¹ Additionally, in accordance with resolution 2253 of 17 December 2015 and resolution 2255 of 21 December 2015, the Focal Point receives travel ban and assets freeze exemption requests from petitioners on, respectively, the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List and the 1988 Sanctions List. In accordance with resolution 2253, the Focal Point also 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.²
2. The website of the Focal Point, available at <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/delisting>, provides more detailed information on its work and mandate, as well as on all above-mentioned procedures. 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 involved in the submission of de-listing requests to the Focal Point since its establishment until 31 December 2020, as well as the number of individuals and entities de-listed through the Focal Point process during the same time period.³

¹ 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.

² Since the adoption of resolution 1730 (2006), 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) and 2255 (2015).

³ Please note that the number of individuals and entities does not correspond to the actual number of requests received, which is much lower, as 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 some individuals submitted requests both on their behalves and on behalf of the entities associated with them.

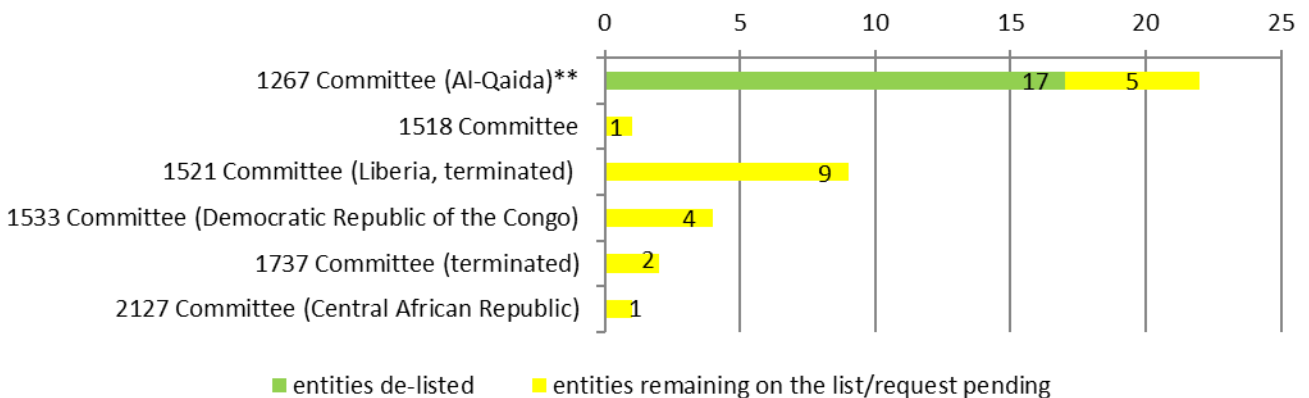
De-listing requests: total number of individuals



* Until 14 November 2018, when resolution 2444 (2018) was adopted, lifting the sanctions on Eritrea. Thereafter, this Committee is known as the 751 Somalia Committee.

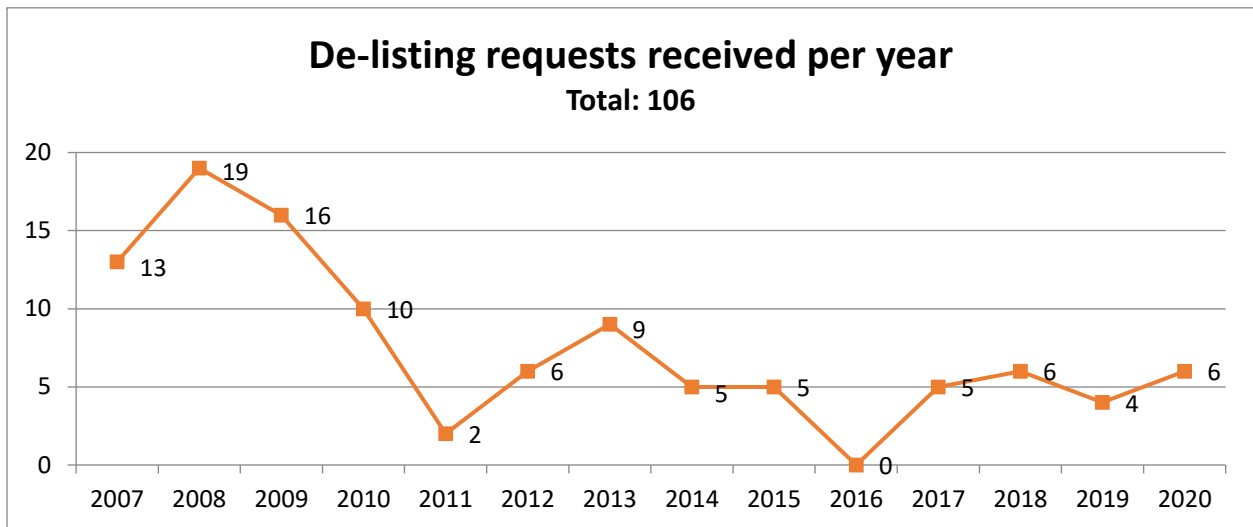
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De-listing requests: total number of entities



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6. The line graph below represents the number of de-listing requests received by the Focal Point each year since its establishment until 31 December 2020.



Activities

7. During the period under review, the Focal Point received six de-listing requests concerning six individuals whose names are inscribed on the 1518, 1718 and 2374 (Mali) Sanctions Lists. In one case, one or more reviewing States under paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 1730 (2006) indicated that they required an additional definite period of time to review the request, in accordance with paragraph 6(c) of the annex. Four cases were received within the last quarter of the year; therefore, the process of their consideration continued into 2021. In one case, the 1718 Committee concluded its consideration of the de-listing request and the individual remained on the Committee’s List.

8. In connection with de-listing requests received by the Focal Point in previous years, the developments were as follows. The processes of consideration for two requests submitted in 2019 – both by individuals, one inscribed on the 2140 sanctions list and one on the 2374 sanctions list – were concluded; both remained on the list. The process of consideration for another request pending from 2019, one from 2018, three from 2017, and one from 2014, involving six individuals whose names are inscribed on the 1518 sanctions list, continued, given that the time frame for review was further extended by one or more reviewing States.

9. During the reporting period, the Focal Point received an asset freeze exemption request from an individual designated on the ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List. That request remains pending. During the reporting period, the Focal Point also received and forwarded to the ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee two communications from individuals who have been removed from the committee’s list.

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