

To the President of the Security Council
for the month of December 2018
H.E. Mr. Kacou Houadja Léon Adom
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to the United Nations

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Mr. President,

We, the undersigned representatives of Austria, Belgium, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland (the Group of Like-Minded States on Targeted Sanctions), are writing to you on the issue of Security Council sanctions. Our group is strongly committed to the effective implementation of the Security Council's sanctions regimes. The respect for international due process standards is key in this regard. However, as long as national and regional courts consider United Nations sanctions to fall short of the minimum standards of due process, national authorities may find themselves legally unable to implement them fully at the national level.

In the light of that, we would like to submit to the Security Council proposals for improving due process with regard to the Office of the Ombudsperson to the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee. We would also like to recall the letter of the Group of Like-minded States on Targeted Sanctions to the Security Council of 12 November 2015 (S/2015/867) concerning the Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee and which also encompasses due process proposals relating to other sanctions regimes than the Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee. The mandate of the Ombudsperson should thus ultimately be expanded to other appropriate sanctions regimes. These proposals remain valid to the extent they have not yet been implemented by Security Council sanctions resolutions.


We hope that Council members will find our proposals of interest, in particular in view of the preparation of a follow-up resolution to Security Council resolution 2368 (2017). We look forward to continuing and deepening the dialogue on this important matter with all stakeholders.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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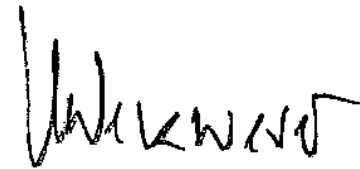
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