

**OPEN DEBATE OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL:
BRIEFING BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1267 (1999)**

STATEMENT

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Mr. President,

Like others, we would like to commend the work of the Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1267, Ambassador Munoz, as well as that of the Monitoring. We also welcome the fact that the Council is holding an open debate on this important issues and hope that this will become a regular feature of its future work. We attach the utmost importance to the work of the Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1267 as well as to that of the Monitoring Group which we consider complementary to the work of the Counterterrorism Committee (CTC).

Mr. President,

I am very pleased to inform that on 9 July 2003 Liechtenstein deposited the instrument of ratification for the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. Liechtenstein has now ratified all the 12 relevant international conventions and protocols and is currently in the latest stage of the process of amending its legislation in order to implement the Convention, in particular in the field of criminal and administrative law. Liechtenstein is determined to make all efforts to prevent abuses of its financial center for terrorist activities and appreciates the cooperation with international bodies in this area, such as the Counterterrorism Committee and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267.

We commend the remarkable steps the Security Council and the Committee have taken to improve the effectiveness and precision of the sanctions and to address humanitarian concerns as well as concerns of transparency and due process. The guidelines of the Committee for the conduct of its work, which were amended in

April this year, are an important tool in this respect. We particularly welcome that the guidelines now also include rules for the work of the Monitoring Group with respect to its role in updating the sanctions list. We think that such rules are crucial not only for the effective work of the Committee and the Monitoring Group, but also for the cooperation with Member States and the protection of individuals' rights. At a time when the Security Council increasingly makes decisions which have a direct impact on the rights of individuals, we believe that it is important to provide for avenues which allow individuals to address concerns stemming from such decisions. This also holds true for the work of the Committee and the Monitoring Group which are increasingly focusing their work on concrete cases and individuals, thereby improving the efficiency of the sanctions regime, but also expanding the need for dialogue and cooperation with national authorities. Therefore, we would like to encourage the continuation and widening of a process of rule-making in the interest of improved cooperation and flow of information between the Committee and the Monitoring Group and the Member States, with a view to strengthen respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law in the fight against terrorism. Measures such as those suggested by the Representative of Germany at this morning's meeting would go a long way in assisting the Council in this respect.

Mr. President,

As the example of the Counter-Terrorism Committee shows, a well-structured reporting dialogue between a Security Council Committee and Member States can considerably enhance the implementation of a Security Council resolution. Liechtenstein has submitted a comprehensive report pursuant to Security Council resolution 1455, and we hope that all States will soon fulfill their reporting obligations in accordance with that resolution. We are aware that such reporting

requirements place a considerable burden particularly on small administrations. At the same time, however, they are not only designed to monitor the compliance of States with Security Council resolutions, but they can also provide a basis for concrete progress, through engaging in a dialogue with Member States and in particular through the provision of technical assistance. This is another field where the 1267 Committee could draw from the experience and expertise of the CTC.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, I would like to stress once again our unequivocal commitment to international cooperation in the fight against terrorism. We look forward in particular to enhanced cooperation and dialogue with the Committee and the Monitoring Group.

Thank you, Mr. President.