

To the President of the Security Council
for the month of November 2015
H.E. Mr. Matthew Rycroft
Permanent Representative of the
United Kingdom to the United Nations

Security Council Secretariat
United Nations Headquarters
New York, N.Y. 10017

New York, 12 November 2015

Mr. President,

We, the undersigned representatives of Austria, Belgium, 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 Council's sanctions regimes and we closely follow the developments in the Al-Qaida and other sanctions regimes of the Security Council as well as developments regarding UN sanctions at the level of national and regional courts. As long as national and regional courts consider UN sanctions to fall short of the minimum standards of due process, national authorities may find themselves legally unable to fully implement them at the national level. In this light, we would like to submit to the Security Council the attached paper entitled "Fair and clear procedures for a more effective UN sanctions system".

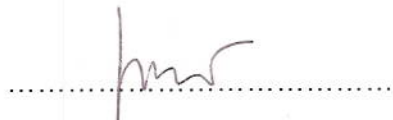
We hope that the Council members will find interest in our paper, in particular in the context of the upcoming consultations in preparation for the adoption of a follow-up resolution to 2161 (2014). We look forward to continuing and deepening the dialogue on this important matter with all stakeholders.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and the attached paper circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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



H.E. Ambassador Jan Kickert
Permanent Representative of Austria
to the United Nations



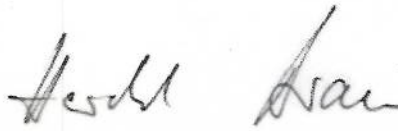
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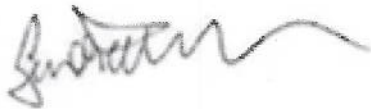
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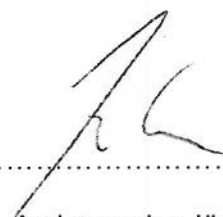
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Enclosure