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**Briefing by H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls,
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established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999)
concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and
Associated Individuals and Entities,**

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- a. In paragraph 25 of resolution 1822 (2008), the Council directed the Committee “to conduct a review of all names on the Consolidated List at the

II. The Committee's Consolidated List

8. Improving the quality of the Consolidated List remains central to the work of the Committee.
9. As of today, the Consolidated List comprises 503 names. Since the last briefing on 6 May 2008, the Committee has added to the List the names of 21 individuals and 1 entity associated with Al-Qaida. During the same period, 2 de-listing requests have been approved, one of which was submitted through the Focal Point, and 3 requests could not be acceded to. The Committee has

exemption to the assets freeze for extraordinary expenses or for an exemption from the travel has been submitted during the same period.

III. Outreach

13. With a view to ensuring the greatest transparency of its work and to reflecting the new provisions contained in resolution 1822 (2008), the Committee has conducted a comprehensive update of its website¹. All sections have been brought in line with the new resolution. At the same time, the Committee updated the fact sheets contained on the Committee's website, namely on the procedures for listing, de-listing, updating the Consolidated List, the exemptions to the assets freeze and the travel ban and its exemptions.

14. Based on suggestions made by the Monitoring Team in its Eighth Report (S/2008/324), the Committee also agreed on a number of changes to its website aimed at further improving its user-friendliness, including the addition of an "email alert feature" to allow registered users to automatically learn about updates to the website and the Consolidated List, a new search functions to improve searches within the Committee's website, as well as a re-organization of the information contained on the website. The new features will be available on the Committee's website in due course, and will be announced in a press release.

15. Moreover, the Committee has been working on developing explanation of terms papers for each of the three measures set out in paragraph 1 of resolution 1822 (2008), namely the assets freeze, the travel ban and the arms embargo. The explanation of terms paper on the arms embargo has recently been revised and posted on the Committee's website, and the one on the travel ban, approved last September, will be made available once the new Guidelines are issued. The explanation of terms paper on the assets freeze is currently in the process of being finalized.

16. The Committee believes that the updated and further enhanced website will assist Member States in their effective sanctions implementation.

17. The Committee continues to value greatly its cooperation and interaction with Member States and international and regional organizations, and enhancing the outreach efforts remains therefore an overall objective of the Committee.

18. The Committee relies on continuously receiving ~~DO NOT TYPE IN THIS AREA~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Committee considers this a useful initiative and expects the Team to carry out further such visits. The Team has also participated in several international seminars and other forums on international terrorism which provide an ideal opportunity to discuss the objectives and mechanics of the sanctions regime and increase its impact. This has been particularly important in light of the extensive debate about the fairness of the Committee's procedures. The Team me18.08 01 TD0.0005 Tc4-0.002 Tw{an(s)}ba parttrfblTJ)5.fdeba

23. I would like to take this opportunity to stress that the Committee welcomes the Security Council's encouragement set forth in paragraph 30 of resolution 1822 (2008) for Member States to send representatives to meet the Committee for more in-depth discussion of relevant issues or for voluntary briefings on their efforts to implement the sanctions measures. The Committee looks forward to continuing its cooperation and dialogue with all Member States.

IV. Conclusion

24. Allow me to conclude by saying that the Committee is committed to assist Member States by responding to their requests as well as by continuing to ensure that fair and clear procedures exist as guided by this Council. In resolution 1822 (2008), the Council entrusted the Committee with additional responsibilities in this regard, and I