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### **IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE NOTICE**

The following information may be useful to Member States in implementing their obligations under resolutions 1737 (2006), 1747 (2007) and 1803 (2008).

#### **INCIDENT REPORT:**

- In February 2009, a Member State shared with the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) the results of an inspection of the cargo of the *M/V Monchegorsk*, a Cypriot-flagged vessel chartered by the shipping corporation Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL).
- These inspections revealed arms-related materiel, including items described as "bullet shells," "Gun H.E. [High Explosive] Full Charge," "125 mm Gun APFSDS [Armor Piercing Fin-Stabilizing Discarded Sabot]" and "HEAT [High Explosive Anti-Tank]."
- The ship's manifest indicated that the cargo was being transferred to another state in violation of paragraph five of resolution 1747 (2007), which states:

*"Iran shall not supply, sell or transfer directly or indirectly from its territory or by its nationals or using its flag vessels or aircraft any arms or related materiel, and that all States shall prohibit the procurement of such items from Iran by their nationals, or using their flag vessels or aircraft, and whether or not originating in the territory of Iran."*

- The Member State that reported this violation has since decided, in accordance with its international obligations, to retain, unload and store the cargo.
- The Committee requested from the transferring and procuring states additional relevant information about this transaction, but regrettably no such information was provided.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- In light of this incident, the Committee urges all Member States to redouble their efforts to ensure full implementation of resolutions 1737 (2006), 1747 (2007) and 1803 (2008). In particular, the Committee recommends that Member States be especially alert for additional violations that might occur in circumstances similar to those described above.
- The Committee notes the involvement of IRISL in this incident of transporting goods in violation of resolution 1747 (2007). In resolution 1803 (2008), the Security Council called upon all States to inspect the cargoes to and from Iran of vessels, at their seaports, owned or operated by IRISL, provided there are reasonable grounds to believe that the vessel is transporting goods prohibited under resolutions 1737 (2006), 1747 (2007) and 1803 (2008). The Committee therefore urges Member States to exercise extra vigilance with respect to IRISL's role in violations of these resolutions.
- The Committee further calls upon all Member States to share -- on a confidential basis, if necessary -- information regarding alleged violations of the measures imposed in these resolutions. Consistent with its mandate, the Committee will examine and take appropriate action regarding such information. The Committee remains available to answer inquiries from Member States about the obligations imposed by these resolutions.