

around 70,000 RPG-7 rounds, since 2013.¹⁰⁹ Annex 4.5 (strictly confidential) displays the breakdown of the consignments of weapons and ammunition received.

Notification from Bulgaria of a substantive shipment of military equipment

92. On 13 January 2021, a notification from Bulgaria dated 30 December 2020 was circulated to the Committee. This notification referred to a consignment of weapons and ammunition, including high-explosive ammunition and items listed in annex A to resolution 2551 (2020), subject to the Committee's approval that were to be delivered in mid-January 2021. The consignment was valued at \$270 million.¹¹⁰

93. Upon receiving a copy of the notification, the Somali National Security Advisor sent a letter to the Committee on 19 January 2021 asking to pause the delivery. The Advisor indicated to the Panel that the delivery of the consignment had not been communicated or coordinated with his office and that the Federal Government of Somalia planned to audit the purchase.¹¹¹ However, the Panel learned that Bulgaria had notified the Permanent Mission of Somalia to the United Nations about the shipment in September 2020.¹¹²

94. Preliminary evidence gathered by the Panel shows that the negotiations regarding the purchase started at the end of 2019 and were conducted by the State Minister of Defence, Mohamed Ali Haga.¹¹³ This case revealed internal dysfunctions within the Federal Government of Somalia, bringing out the crucial question of the oversight of importation of weapons and ammunition. The Panel hopes that the Federal Government will share the outcome of the audit related to this consignment once finalized.

Delivery of a shipment of military trucks without notification

95. The Panel has received information about a passenger/roll-on-roll-off ship, *MV Birden* (IMO No. 7305772), that delivered a total of 44 "Kamaz" military-type trucks to the port of Mogadishu on 30 April 2021. The Panel noted that this vessel departed Istanbul, Turkey, on 15 April 2021, sailed via the Suez Canal to anchorage in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on 19 April 2021 and berthed in Mogadishu from 30 April to 1 May 2021 before proceeding to Karachi, Pakistan. The Panel addressed an official letter on 8 June 2021 to the shipping company, İstanbullines Lojistik, based in Turkey, to determine the compliance of this delivery with the arms embargo requirements (see pictures in annex 4.6).

Standardized template for notifications

96. In line with a recommendation issued in the report of the joint verification team attached to the periodic report of the Federal Government of Somalia dated 4 February 2021, notifications of weapons, ammunition and military equipment should follow agreed templates in order to ensure that all requested information is provided with a sufficient level of detail. These templates are aimed at being initially filled by the

¹⁰⁹ Based on Federal Government of Somalia and Member State notifications submitted to the Committee, combined with information provided by the Federal Government's weapons and ammunition management focal point and the joint verification team.

¹¹⁰ Interview with the general manager of Kalandor Ltd., the Bulgaria-based shipping company, on 3 February 2021. It was not possible for the Bulgarian authorities to share a copy of the contract with the Panel for confidentiality reasons.

¹¹¹ Telephone meeting with the National Security Advisor on 14 January 2021.

¹¹² Communication dated 11 September 2020, prior to notifying the Committee, from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations to the Permanent Mission of Somalia to the United Nations, on file with the Secretariat.

¹¹³ End-user certificate signed by the State Minister (on file with the Secretariat) and confirmation during meeting with the State Minister on 10 February 2021 and telephone interview with his former Directorate-General on 11 February 2021.