

para. 94). The Panel was concerned that the end-user certificate signed by the Minister included Qoryoley, a town contested by Al-Shabaab in Lower Shabelle, as the location for storage.<sup>117</sup> The Panel finds it worrying that end-user certificates are handled without appropriate official approvals and vetting.

#### **Potential delivery of Bayraktar without notification**

96. The Panel noted indications of potential delivery to Somalia, without request of approval, of Turkish-made unmanned combat aerial vehicles Bayraktar TB-2. On 6 July 2022,<sup>118</sup> social media posted pictures of an aircraft, flying overhead in Mogadishu, with characteristics similar to those unique to the Bayraktar TB-2. According to confidential reports, those unmanned combat aerial vehicles were delivered to Mogadishu on 6 December 2021 by two Turkish Air Force Airbus A400M.<sup>119</sup> The Panel has seen pictures on social media of Somali officers allegedly undertaking training in Türkiye on the Bayraktar TB-2.<sup>120</sup> The Panel sent letters to Türkiye and the Federal Government of Somalia requesting clarification on this matter as well as information on the nature of cargo delivered by the two A400M without notification to the Security Council Committee on Somalia, but has not yet received a reply from Somalia. Türkiye informed the Panel that it has not delivered any type of unmanned combat aerial vehicles to the Somali authorities and that the systems in question are assigned to be used by Türkiye in the fight against terrorism in Somalia. As Türkiye is not exempted in the arms embargo, the Panel considers that the delivery of these systems to Somalia is not compliant with the arms embargo. The Panel noted that Türkiye has never publicly reported on any airstrikes in Somalia. As noted in its previous report, the Panel already raised the occurrence of unclaimed drone strikes in Somalia (see S/2021/849, paras. paragraphs 126 and 127).

#### **Standardized template for notifications**

97. The Panel submitted to the Committee for approval an updated Implementation Assistance Notice 2: “Summary of procedural approvals and notification requirements related to the partial lifting of the arms embargo on Somalia”. The Notice, which was approved by the Committee on 31 May 2022, includes templates for approval requests, advance notifications, and post-delivery notifications.<sup>121</sup>

### **C. Compliance by Member States and international organizations with the arms embargo**

#### **Standing exemption for international forces for force protection**

98. In paragraph 34 of resolution 2607 (2021), the Security Council reaffirms that the arms embargo shall not apply, inter alia, to supplies of weapons or military equipment for UNSOM, AMISOM,<sup>122</sup> AMISOM strategic partners, operating solely under the latest African Union Strategic Concept of Operations, and in cooperation and coordination with AMISOM and the European Union Training Mission in Somalia. The Panel noted that other international entities are not specifically mentioned in the standing exemption list, including the TURKSOM Turkish military training centre, in

<sup>117</sup> The Panel met with the broker in Bulgaria and with the Minister of State for Defence in Mogadishu. The latter claimed that the transaction was discussed with Somali authorities.

<sup>118</sup> See [https://twitter.com/Free\\_Somaliweyn/status/1544776089070776320](https://twitter.com/Free_Somaliweyn/status/1544776089070776320); see also tweet of 20 July 2022 <https://twitter.com/MIGX999/status/1549842458669944840?t=mpvbDLvCvDiYdkW3uMQPRw&s=08>.

<sup>119</sup> See also <https://mobile.twitter.com/DailyJubba/status/1469443855296704519>.

<sup>120</sup> See [https://m.facebook.com/WararIyoWarbixino/posts/733913153816849?locale2=so\\_SO&\\_rdr&\\_](https://m.facebook.com/WararIyoWarbixino/posts/733913153816849?locale2=so_SO&_rdr&_)

<sup>121</sup> Approved on 31 May 2022, see [www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/751/notices](http://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/751/notices).

<sup>122</sup> Replaced by ATMIS.