

## UN Security Council Considers Sanctions on Eritrea and Others

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The UN Security Council said it would consider imposing sanctions on Eritrea and other countries that provide support for the Islamist insurgents in Somalia. The UN Security Council decided to consider such a measure after it received an appeal from the African Union to impose sanctions on Eritrea and other countries.

Many council members accused Eritrea of supporting the Islamist insurgents who are fighting to oust the TFG of Somalia. Susan Rice, U.S. Ambassador at the UN said, "The United States is particularly concerned about the financial, military, logistical and political support that the government of Eritrea is offering to al-Shabab and other extremists in Somalia."

Rice also pointed out that the Eritrean government had previously rejected all efforts to engage in discussion on the Somali issue. "But even now it's not too late. The United States calls on the government of Eritrea to seize this window of opportunity to change course," the ambassador said.