



warfair Ethics Committee

Minutes from the meeting in the warfair Ethics Committee, February 19th, 2024, from 19:30-20:30.

Venue:

TEAMS

Participants:

Natascha Linn Felix: Chair of the Ethics Committee

Maria Kim Lassen: Member of the Ethics Committee

Henriette Stakemann: Member of the Ethics Committee (absent)

Christian Friis Bach (CFB): CEO of warfair, acting as Secretary to the Ethics Committee

1. Sanctions against actors in Yemen

On the occasion of the Biden administration, as previously announced, naming the Houthi movement in Yemen a terrorist organization, the Ethics Committee was called to an extraordinary meeting about warfair's continued import of goods from Yemen. The subject of trade with producers in Yemen was also addressed at the committee's last meeting in January 2024. Here, it was agreed that recent events did not give rise to a change of attitude. Basically, warfair's justification is precisely to establish export opportunities and thus the possibility of an alternative to conflict, it also means that we should not withdraw solely on the grounds that a conflict escalates. On the other hand, we must always comply with international sanctions (as described in our sanctions policy) and we must, as always, go to great lengths to ensure that we know our suppliers and their manufacturers/subsuppliers and that they live up to our fundamental principles.

In addition, it was discussed what further measures warfair can take to ensure compliance with the new sanctions and the following was agreed:

1. Based on the communication coming from the US authority (OFAC) regarding the sanctions, we believe that trade on warfair terms falls within the intention behind the exception made for humanitarian efforts and trade: "The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is issuing this guidance to highlight that U.S. sanctions are not intended to stand in the way of legitimate assistance to, and trade with, the Yemeni people and that shipping and delivery of critical supplies to the Yemeni people can continue, in compliance with U.S. sanctions ." To further understand OFAC's guidance, we will turn to them to clarify whether this interpretation is correct.
2. We will follow the development in relation to the US sanctions and possible spread to the EU and from there continuously take a position on the situation.
3. We will as soon as possible update our due diligence on the companies and manufacturers we trade with in Yemen, including screening our business partners in OFAC's screening list: Sanctions List Search ([treas.gov](https://www.treas.gov))
4. We keep ourselves continuously updated via our network and partners, so that we understand the development and keep in touch with those who are close to the situation. It is not uncomplicated to do due diligence on companies and manufacturers in that type of context, so we



are always open to learning more and receiving new information from all the sources we can get close to, which we can then relate to.

In relating to potential conflict of interest issues and EB's article series on warfair and Christian's political work it is the ethics committee's assessment that Christian has declared his commitment to warfair very transparently everywhere, including on social media, in the Parliamentary Business Register, as well as orally in many contexts, including in the press. In addition, it is not the committee's assessment that Christian has at any time abused his trusted power as a politician to promote warfair's interests.

2. Any other issues

- a. Next Meetings.
- b. Other issues