

## Unnamed Uzbek "Government Official A"/ Mobile Telesystems and Vimpelcom Telecom Case (Belgium)

**Case ID:**

ARW-235

**Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:**

Uzbekistan

**Position of Public Official(s) (yrs in office):**

"Several Positions" in Uzbek Government, including during 2005-2011; a "relative of the President of Uzbekistan"

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:**

Asset Location / Alleged Asset Location

**Asset Recovery Start:**

2015

**Asset Recovery End:**

Ongoing

**UNCAC Offenses Implicated:**

Art.16

**Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:**

Non-Conviction Based Forfeiture (in US)

**Status of Asset Recovery :**

Ongoing

**Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:**

Investigation/Asset Tracing/Asset Restraint

**Case Summary:**

See related entry, civil asset forfeiture actions by the United States. In one of the two civil asset forfeiture actions filed against assets related to unnamed Uzbek official and VimpelCom bribery case, including assets held in accounts at Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV in Brussels, Belgium on behalf of First Global Investments SPC Limited Funds. (Source: US v. Any and all assets held in account numbers ... at Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Brussels, Belgium, on behalf of First Global Investments SPC Limited, et al, Case No. 15-cv-05063 (SDNY), Verified Complaint filed on June 29, 2015 and Partial Default Judgment and Order of Forfeiture filed January 11, 2016; Court Docket Report as of June 27, 2016.)



**Disposition of Criminal Case(s):**

According to the US Department of Justice complaint filed in the case, Gayane Avakyan and Rustan Madumarov, close associates of "Government Official A" were arrested in 2014 and subsequently convicted and of multiple criminal offenses in relation to the case and sentenced to prison terms. (Source: US v. Any and all assets held in account numbers ... at Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Brussels, Belgium, on behalf of First Global Investments SPC Limited, et al, Case No. 15-cv-05063 (SDNY), Verified Complaint filed on June 29, 2015, paragraphs 18-19; See also, US v. All Assets Held in Accounts [by First Global Accounts, Case No. 15-cv-05063 (SDNY), January 26, 2016.

**Jurisdiction of Origin: Courts Involved:**

Tashkent Regional Criminal Court in the Republic of Uzbekistan

**Documents:**

<b>Attachment</b>	<b>Size</b>
 VimpelCom Limited and Unitel LLC_DOJ_PR_Resolution_Feb2016.pdf	217.33 KB
 NCB_First Global Accts_Partial Default Judgment_01112016.pdf	274.98 KB

**Other Sources:**

US v. Any and all assets held in account numbers ... at Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Brussels, Belgium, on behalf of First Global Investments SPC Limited, et al, Case No. 15-cv-05063 (SDNY), Verified Complaint filed on June 29, 2015 and Partial Default Judgment and Order of Forfeiture filed January 11, 2016; Court Docket Report as of June 27, 2016; See also US Department of Justice Press Release, "VimpelCom Limited and Unitel LLC Enter into Global Foreign Bribery Resolution of More Than \$795 Million? United States Seeks \$850 Million Forfeiture in Corrupt Proceeds of Bribery Scheme," February 18, 2016.