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Letter dated 25 February 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2563 (2021), related to the agenda item “The situation in Somalia” and adopted on 25 February 2021. Resolution 2563 (2021) was adopted in accordance with the voting procedure set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), a procedure agreed in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic.

Pursuant to that procedure, I enclose herewith copies of the related documents:

My letter dated 24 February 2021, addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council (annex I), putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/175 (enclosure to annex I);

Letters received in reply received from the members of the Security Council indicating their national positions on the draft resolution (annexes II to XVI).

This letter and its enclosures will be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Barbara Woodward**
President of the Security Council



Annex I**Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council**

In accordance with the procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, as set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to all members of the Council (S/2020/253), I would like to draw your attention to the following.

The members of the Council have discussed a draft resolution, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Somalia”. That draft resolution, contained in document S/2021/175 and enclosed herein, has been put into blue.

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I hereby put the above-mentioned draft resolution to a vote. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period for this draft resolution will begin at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 February 2021. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period will expire at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, 25 February 2021.

Please submit your vote (in favour, against or abstain) on the draft resolution, as well as your possible explanation of vote, by sending a letter signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the non-extendable 24-hour voting period set out above to the Officer-in-charge of the Security Council Affairs Division in the United Nations Secretariat (sutterlin@un.org).

It is my intention to circulate a letter listing the outcome of the vote within three hours of the conclusion of the 24-hour voting period. I also intend to convene a video-teleconference of the Security Council to announce the outcome of the vote shortly after the conclusion of the voting period, on the afternoon of Thursday, 25 February 2021.

(Signed) **Barbara Woodward**
President of the Security Council

Enclosure

United Nations

S/2021/175

**Security Council**Provisional
24 February 2021

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**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
draft resolution***The Security Council,*

Recalling all its previous resolutions and statements of its President concerning the situation in Somalia, and *underlining* the importance of full compliance with these,

Determining that the situation in Somalia continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to authorise the Member States of the African Union to maintain the deployment of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) until 14 March 2021, *authorises* AMISOM to take all necessary measures in full compliance with participating States' obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and in full respect of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of Somalia, to carry out its mandate, as set out in paragraphs 11 and 12 of its resolution 2520 (2020);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide a logistical support package in full compliance of Human Rights Due Diligence Policy on United Nations support to Non-United Nations security forces, through UNSOS for UNSOM, AMISOM uniformed personnel and 70 AMISOM civilians and 13,900 Somali security forces as set out in paragraph 21 of resolution 2520 (2020) and on the basis set out in paragraph 2 of resolution 2245 (2015);

3. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Annex II

Letter dated 25 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I thank you and your team for the continued strong support in facilitating the voting procedure.

Please be kindly informed that China votes in favour of draft resolution S/2021/175, submitted by the United Kingdom, for the mandate renewal of the African Union Mission in Somalia.

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations

Annex III**Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to inform you, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, that my delegation votes in favour of the Security Council draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the extension of the mandate of the African Union Mission in Somalia, contained in document S/2021/175.

(Signed) **Sven Jürgenson**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations

Annex IV

Letter dated 25 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: French]

I refer to the letter dated 24 February 2021 calling on the members of the Security Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom on the situation in Somalia, put into blue under the symbol S/2021/175. France votes in favour.

(Signed) **Nicolas de Rivière**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

Annex V**Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 February 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/175 in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Somalia”.

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 (S/2020/253) from the President of the Security Council, I have the honour to inform you that India votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) T.S. Tirumurti

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

Annex VI

Letter dated 25 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 February 2021, on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Somalia”, document S/2021/175.

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council for the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic, outlined in the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 27 March 2020 (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that Ireland votes in favour of the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/175.

(Signed) Geraldine **Byrne Nason**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations

Annex VII**Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/175) submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Somalia”.

In that respect, I wish to inform you that Kenya votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Martin **Kimani**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations

Annex VIII

Letter dated 25 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the letter dated 24 February 2021 regarding the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Somalia”, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and contained in document S/2021/175.

In accordance with the procedure outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253) for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council, I have the honour to inform you that Mexico votes in favour of the aforementioned draft resolution.

(Signed) **Juan Ramón de la Fuente Ramírez**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

Annex IX**Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing in response to the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 24 February 2021 calling on the members of the Council to express their votes on the draft resolution (S/2021/175) submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Somalia”.

In accordance with the agreed temporary procedures for the adoption of draft resolutions during the coronavirus disease pandemic, I have the honour to indicate that the Republic of the Niger decides to vote in favour of said draft resolution.

(Signed) Abdou **Abarry**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations

Annex X

Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the President of the Security Council's letter of 24 February 2021 relating to the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/175, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in Somalia".

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of draft resolutions under the current circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, I am pleased to inform you that Norway votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) Mona Juul

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

Annex XI**Letter dated 25 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24 February 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Somalia” (S/2021/175).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/175.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Annex XII

Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/175) submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Somalia”.

In that respect, I wish to inform you that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Inga Rhonda **King**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations

Annex XIII**Letter dated 25 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Further to the letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in her capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Somalia”, as contained in document S/2021/175, I have the honour to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) Tarek **Ladeb**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

Annex XIV

**Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

With reference to the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 24 February 2021, the United Kingdom votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2021/175), on the situation in Somalia.

(Signed) Barbara **Woodward**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland to the United Nations

Annex XV**Letter dated 25 February 2021 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the United States of America addressed to the President of the Security Council**

On the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the agenda item “The situation in Somalia” (S/2021/175), the United States of America votes in favour.

(Signed) Richard M. **Mills, Jr.**

Ambassador

Acting Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the
United Nations

Annex XVI

Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In reference to the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 24 February 2021 relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled “The situation in Somalia”, as contained in document S/2021/175, I would like to hereby inform you that Viet Nam votes in favour of said draft resolution.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations
