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Letter dated 1 April 2021 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to refer to my letter dated 2 November 2020 ([S/2020/1078](#)), transmitting my report on a strategic assessment for United Nations engagement in the Republic of Burundi, which contains my recommendations for enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the country. I also wish to refer to the statement by the President of the Security Council dated 4 December 2020 ([S/PRST/2020/12](#)), in which the Council took note of the relevant recommendations contained in the report and encouraged discussions between the Secretariat and the Government of Burundi to allow sufficient time for the smooth transition of the Office of my Special Envoy for Burundi.

As the Council is also aware, prior to the issuance of the presidential statement of 4 December 2020, the Government of Burundi, in its note verbale dated 17 November 2020, had requested that the Office of the Special Envoy be closed and liquidated by 31 December 2020. The Government subsequently agreed to allow adequate time for the process to take place in accordance with best practices and in full compliance with the rules and regulations of the Organization.

I hereby wish to inform the Security Council that, following several rounds of discussions in Gitega and Bujumbura, in January and February 2021, the Secretariat and the Government of Burundi have agreed that the Office of the Special Envoy will be closed by 31 May 2021 and that its liquidation will be completed by 30 June 2021.

I wish to thank the personnel of the Office of my Special Envoy for their professionalism and dedication to the service of the Organization and to the Government and people of Burundi since 2016. I also wish to reiterate the commitment of the United Nations family, in particular the United Nations country team, to continuing to support Burundians in their efforts towards achieving lasting peace and sustainable development.

I would be grateful if you could bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António Guterres

