

**Security Council**

Distr.: General  
12 May 2021

Original: English

---

**Letter dated 11 May 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 2575 (2021), related to the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” and adopted on 11 May 2021. Resolution 2575 (2021) was adopted in accordance with the voting procedure set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 by 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 10 May 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/2021/445 (enclosure to annex I);

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

A statement subsequently submitted by a member of the Security Council providing an explanation of its vote (annex XVII).

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

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**  
President of the Security Council



**Annex I****Letter dated 10 May 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and 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 States of America, in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”. That draft resolution, contained in document S/2021/445 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 3 p.m. on Monday, 10 May 2021. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period will expire at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 May 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 Director of the Security Council Affairs Division in the United Nations Secretariat ([egian@un.org](mailto:egian@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 Tuesday, 11 May 2021.

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**  
President of the Security Council

## Enclosure

United Nations

S/2021/445

**Security Council**Provisional  
10 May 2021

Original: English

**United States of America: draft resolution***The Security Council,*

*Reaffirming* all previous resolutions and Presidential statements concerning the situation in Abyei and along the border between Sudan and South Sudan and underlining the importance of full compliance with and implementation of these,

*Reaffirming* its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Sudan and South Sudan,

*Welcoming* continued cooperation between the Government of the Republic of the Sudan and the Government of the Republic of South Sudan in support of peace, security and stability, *encouraging* such actions to continue, and *urging* the parties to make progress establishing temporary administrative and security arrangements for Abyei, and to continue to support development and humanitarian assistance efforts,

*Encouraging* the African Union, the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP), and the UN Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Horn of Africa to intensify their mediation roles with the Governments of South Sudan and Sudan to strongly encourage them to establish temporary administrative and security arrangements for Abyei as stipulated in the 2011 Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement on Temporary Arrangements for the Administration and Security of the Abyei area and to engage on finding a resolution of the final status of Abyei,

*Commending* the continued assistance provided to the parties by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA),

*Recognizing* the need to keep under review the configuration of UNISFA to adapt to the current security situation and to develop a viable exit strategy, which prioritizes safety and security of civilians living in Abyei and accounts for the stability of the region, and is based on the improved ability of Sudan and South Sudan to manage bilateral disputes,

*Expressing concern* that the delayed deployment of UN police to the level authorized by the Council prevents UNISFA from fulfilling its security and protection mandate and holds the potential to create a security vacuum in Abyei, and *further expressing concern* about Sudan and South Sudan's efforts to impede UNISFA from fully executing its mandate, including by withholding visas for police, blocking appointment of a civilian Deputy Head of Mission and denying access to

Athony airport, which would ease UNISFA's logistical challenges, reduce transport costs, and enhance safety and security for UNISFA personnel,

*Recognizing* that the current situation in Abyei and along the border between Sudan and South Sudan continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

1. *Decides* to extend until 15 November 2021 the mandate of UNISFA as set out in paragraph 2 of resolution 1990 (2011) and acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, *further decides* to extend until 15 November 2021 the tasks of UNISFA as set out in paragraph 3 of resolution 1990 (2011), and *further decides* that UNISFA should continue to implement that mandate and tasks in accordance with resolution 2550 (2020);

2. *Decides* to extend until 15 November 2021 UNISFA's mandate modification set forth in resolution 2024 (2011) and paragraph 1 of resolution 2075 (2012), which provides for UNISFA's support to the Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism (JBVMM), and *further decides* that UNISFA should continue to implement that mandate and tasks in accordance with resolution 2550 (2020);

3. *Maintains* the authorized troop and police ceilings as set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution 2550 (2020);

4. *Reiterates* the Security Council's demand for the Governments of Sudan and South Sudan to provide full support for UNISFA in the implementation of its mandate, specifically the deployment of UNISFA personnel, including by removing any obstacles that hinder UNISFA's work to protect civilians in Abyei;

5. *Reiterates* that the Abyei Area shall be demilitarized from any forces, as well as armed elements of the local communities, other than UNISFA and the Abyei Police Service, and *urges* the Governments of Sudan and South Sudan and the local communities to take all necessary steps to ensure that Abyei is effectively demilitarized and to extend full cooperation to UNISFA in this regard;

6. *Takes note* of the letter of the Secretary General (S/2021/322);

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with best practices, conduct and provide the Security Council, no later than 30 September 2021, a strategic review of UNISFA assessing recent political developments between and within Sudan and South Sudan and providing detailed recommendations for further reconfiguration of the mission and establishing a viable exit strategy, which should prioritize the safety and security of civilians living in Abyei, account for stability of the region, and include an option for an exit strategy for UNISFA that is not limited by the 2011 agreements;

8. *Requests* the Secretary General to continue to inform the Security Council of progress in implementing UNISFA's mandate as set out in paragraph 33 of resolution 2550 (2020), with a written report no later than 15 October 2021;

9. *Decides* to remain actively seized of this matter.

---

---

**Annex II****Letter dated 10 May 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/2021/445, submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

*(Signed)* **Zhang Jun**  
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations

### **Annex III**

#### **Letter dated 11 May 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 contained in document S/2021/445, submitted by the United States of America regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei.

*(Signed)* **Sven Jürgenson**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations

**Annex IV****Letter dated 10 May 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 10 May 2021 from the President of the Security Council calling on the members of the Security Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by the United States of America under the agenda item entitled “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”, put into blue under the symbol S/2021/445. France votes in favour.

(Signed) **Nicolas de Rivière**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

**Annex V**

**Letter dated 10 May 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 10 May 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/ 445, in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

In accordance with the procedure for adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place during 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 11 May 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 10 May 2021, on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”, document S/2021/445.

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council for the duration of the restrictions of 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 Ireland votes in favour on the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/445.

(Signed) Geraldine **Byrne Nason**  
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations

## **Annex VII**

### **Letter dated 10 May 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/2021/445) submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”

In this 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 10 May 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 10 May 2021 regarding the draft resolution in connection with agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”, submitted by the United States and contained in document S/2021/445.

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 10 May 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 dated 10 May 2021 from the President of the Security Council calling on the members of the Council to express their votes on the draft resolution (S/2021/445) submitted by the United States of America under the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

In accordance with the agreed temporary procedures for the adoption of draft resolutions during the coronavirus disease pandemic restrictions, 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 10 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the letter dated 10 May 2021 from the President of the Security Council's relating to the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/445, in connection with the agenda item "Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South-Sudan".

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 this draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Mona Juul  
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

## **Annex XI**

### **Letter dated 10 May 2021 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10 May 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item "Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan" (S/2021/445).

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 a 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 draft resolution S/2021/445.

*(Signed)* Dmitry Polyanskiy

Ambassador

Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

---

**Annex XII****Letter dated 10 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/445) submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

In this respect, I wish to inform 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 10 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Further to the letter dated 10 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/445, submitted by the United States of America, I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of said draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Tarek **Ladeb**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

**Annex XIV****Letter dated 11 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

With reference to the letter dated 10 May 2021 from the President of the Security Council, the United Kingdom votes in favour on the draft resolution (S/2021/445) in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

*(Signed)* Barbara **Woodward**

Ambassador

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

**Annex XV**

**Letter dated 10 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

On the draft resolution submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” (S/2021/445), the United States of America votes in favour.

*(Signed)* Linda **Thomas-Greenfield**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the United States of America  
to the United Nations

---

**Annex XVI****Letter dated 11 May 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 dated 10 May 2021 from the President of the Security Council relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” as contained in document S/2021/445, 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

**Annex XVII****Statement by the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations**

The United States expresses its thanks to fellow Security Council members for demonstrating ongoing support to the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA).

The people of Abyei deserve to live in peace without fear of violence. Resolution 2575 (2021), to renew UNISFA's mandate, recognizes that the people of Abyei also deserve a functioning security and administrative arrangement that can offer the rule of law and stability.

The United States welcomes continued cooperation between the Sudan and South Sudan to manage bilateral disputes by supporting peace, security and stability and encourages both countries to build on the commitments of the Juba Peace Agreement. In this context, we also call on them to prioritize the safety and security of civilians living in Abyei, find ways to improve governance and reduce the likelihood of violence and to determine the final status of Abyei. The United States urges all parties to reinforce their efforts to find ways to reduce tensions and to refrain from actions that could destabilize Abyei and endanger civilians.

While South Sudan and the Sudan work together to reach agreement on Abyei, obstructions that prevent UNISFA from fulfilling its security and protection mandate must be lifted. This resolution to renew UNISFA reiterates the concern of the Security Council that withholding visas for United Nations police forces, blocking the deployment of a civilian deputy head of mission and denying access to the Athony Airstrip could create a security vacuum and logistical and safety challenges for UNISFA personnel.

The United States looks forward to the outcomes of the Secretary-General's strategic review of UNISFA. With shifting dynamics in the region, it is essential that we continue to assess how UNISFA contributes to the regional political and security architecture. UNISFA's configuration and its exit strategy must take into account the current circumstances.

This resolution encourages the African Union and other key stakeholders to intensify their mediation roles to establish temporary administrative and security arrangements and to engage on finding a resolution to the final status of Abyei. We urge the African Union to take advantage of this opportune moment to develop longer-term solutions that can be sustained after the departure of United Nations peacekeepers.

The United States remains committed to supporting peace and security in Abyei and in the Sudan and South Sudan.

---