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**Letter dated 20 April 2006 from the Secretary-General  
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

The mandate of my Special Representative for Somalia, François Lonseny Fall, will expire on 8 May 2006.

The international community has been encouraged by the recent progress made in the peace process in Somalia and the Security Council has welcomed the convening of the first session of the Transitional Federal Parliament in Baidoa on 26 February 2006. During the period leading up to this positive development, Mr. Fall worked assiduously to convince the leaders of the transitional federal institutions to initiate a dialogue with a view to overcoming their differences, promoting reconciliation and creating the conditions that would allow the effective functioning of Somali institutions.

Mr. Fall and the United Nations Political Office for Somalia, in close cooperation with the United Nations country team, are playing a central role in the coordination of international political support and financial, humanitarian and development assistance to both the people of Somalia and the incipient institutions of the Transitional Federal Government.

In view of the positive developments in Somalia and the enhanced involvement of the United Nations in support of the progress made, it is my intention to extend the mandate of my Special Representative for Somalia until 8 May 2007. I should be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**