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Letter dated 30 August 2019 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as the President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 28 August 2019 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established under Council resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 9 July 2019 ([S/AC.51/2019/1](#)) (see annex).

(Signed) Joanna **Wronecka**
President of the Security Council



Annex

Letter dated 28 August 2019 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General

At its 77th formal meeting, on 14 January 2019, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the second report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic (S/2018/969), covering the period from 16 November 2013 to 30 June 2018. At its 82nd meeting, on 9 July 2019, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic (S/AC.51/2019/1).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014), 2225 (2015) and 2427 (2018), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, with:

(a) Calling upon the United Nations to work to include the protection of children in all aspects of the peace negotiations and negotiated agreements, particularly those conducted pursuant to the inclusive, Syrian-led and Syrian-owned political process in line with Security Council resolution 2254 (2015) and the Geneva Communiqué, at the earliest possible stage, in line with Security Council resolution 2427 (2018), and urging all relevant United Nations entities, notably the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, to explore common ground among the parties on possible confidence-building measures related to child protection;

(b) Urging all relevant United Nations entities, notably the Special Representative, to continue to engage with all parties to the armed conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic to develop comprehensive action plans in line with Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) and subsequent relevant resolutions addressing all six grave violations against children affected by armed conflict.

(Signed) Marc **Pecsteen de Buytswerve**
Chair
Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict