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Letter dated 31 December 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 29 December 2020 (see annex) from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established pursuant to Security Council resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#), based on the conclusions adopted by the Working Group on 15 October 2020 ([S/AC.51/2020/7](#)).

(Signed) Jerry Matthews **Matjila**
President of the Security Council



Annex**Letter dated 29 December from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General**

During a closed videoconference held on 27 July 2020, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict of the Security Council examined the sixth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Sudan (S/2020/614), which covers the period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019 and was introduced by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. The Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations also addressed the Working Group and the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Sudan on 15 October 2020 (S/AC.51/2020/7).

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, to:

(a) Request you to ensure the continued effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict in the Sudan and of the child protection component of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) and the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS), including by allocating sufficient dedicated child-protection capacity to the component;

(b) Also request you to encourage the United Nations country task force on monitoring and reporting and other relevant United Nations entities to continue their engagement and efforts to support the Government in addressing violations and abuses committed against children affected by armed conflict, including through the protection of children, the reintegration of children affected by the conflict, the monitoring and reporting on the situation of children affected by conflict, the monitoring and implementation of action plans with armed groups and the conclusion of new action plans with armed groups; and

(c) Encourage you, including through your Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, to broadly disseminate the Practical Guidance for Mediators to Protect Children in Situations of Armed Conflict to the relevant actors involved in the peace and mediation processes in the Sudan, to ensure that the protection, rights, well-being and empowerment of children affected by armed conflict are fully incorporated and prioritized in all post-conflict recovery and reconstruction planning, programmes and strategies as well as in efforts on peacebuilding and sustaining peace and encourage and facilitate consideration of the views of children in the processes in the Sudan.

(Signed) Philippe **Kridelka**
Chair
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