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Letter dated 29 December 2020 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 2560 (2020), related to the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts” and adopted on 29 December 2020. Resolution 2560 (2020) was adopted in accordance with the voting procedure set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council (S/2020/253), a procedure agreed in 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 28 December 2020, addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council, putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/1285 (enclosure to annex I);

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

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

The present letter and its annexes will be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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



Annex I

Letter dated 28 December 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to 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 the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security 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 Indonesia and the United States of America, in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts”. That draft resolution, contained in document S/2020/1285 and enclosed herewith, has been put into blue (S/2020/1285, see enclosure).

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 1 p.m. on Monday, 28 December 2020. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period will expire at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 December 2020.

Please submit your vote (in favour, against, or abstaining) on the draft resolution, as well as any 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 Officer-in-charge of the Security Council Affairs Division in the United Nations Secretariat (sutterlin@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, 29 December 2020.

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

Enclosure

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S/2020/1285

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

Recalling its resolutions 1267 (1999), 1333 (2000), 1363 (2001), 1373 (2001), 1390 (2002), 1452 (2002), 1455 (2003), 1526 (2004), 1566 (2004), 1617 (2005), 1624 (2005), 1699 (2006), 1730 (2006), 1735 (2006), 1822 (2008), 1904 (2009), 1988 (2011), 1989 (2011), 2083 (2012), 2133 (2014), 2161 (2014), 2170 (2014), 2178 (2014), 2195 (2014), 2199 (2015), 2214 (2015), 2249 (2015), 2253 (2015), 2309 (2016), 2322 (2016), 2331 (2016), 2341 (2017), 2347 (2017), 2349 (201), 2354 (2017), 2368 (2017), 2379 (2017), 2388 (2017), 2396 (2017), 2427 (2018), 2462 (2019), 2482 (2019),

Expressing its gravest concern about the presence, ideology, and actions of ISIL and Al-Qaida, and the growing presence of their affiliates around the world,

Recalling the importance of Member States fulfilling all of their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations,

Emphasizing that sanctions are an important tool under the Charter of the United Nations in the maintenance and restoration of international peace and security, including in support of countering terrorism,

Stressing the important role of the 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee plays in identifying possible cases of non-compliance with the measures pursuant to Resolution 2368 (2017), including its role in determining the appropriate course of action on each case,

Recalling the Committee's position on Recommendations of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team contained in its twenty-sixth report of 26 June 2020 regarding asset-freezing actions and their implementation,

Reaffirming the need to combat by all means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law, including applicable international human rights law, international refugee law, and international humanitarian law, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts, stressing in this regard the important role the United Nations plays in leading and coordinating this effort,

Recognizing that development, security, and human rights are mutually reinforcing and are vital to an effective and comprehensive approach to countering terrorism, and underlining that a particular goal of counter-terrorism strategies should be to ensure sustainable peace and security,

Recognizing the need to take measures to increase fairness, and the effectiveness of the rules and procedures of the Committee, and reiterating the importance of the Office of the Ombudsperson,

1. *Continues* to encourage all Member States to more actively submit to the Committee listing requests of individuals, groups, undertakings and entities that meet listing criteria in paragraph 2 of Resolution 2368 (2017), to submit to the Committee additional identifying and other information set out in paragraph 85 of Resolution 2368 (2017) in order to keep the ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List reliable and up-to-date, and to make use of the provisions regarding available exemptions to the measures in paragraph 1 (a) and 81 (a) of Resolution 2368 (2017);

2. *Requests* the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team to study the basic and extraordinary exemptions procedures set out in paragraphs 81 (a) and (b) of Resolution 2368 (2017), and to provide recommendations, within 9 months of the adoption of this resolution, to the Committee to determine whether or not updating those exemptions is required;

3. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Annex II**Letter dated 29 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the letter of 28 December 2020 from the President of the Security Council relating to the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts”, contained in document S/2020/1285.

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of draft resolutions under the current extraordinary circumstance caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, I am pleased to indicate that Belgium votes in favour of this draft resolution.

(Signed) Philippe **Kridelka**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations

Annex III

Letter dated 28 December 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires 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/2020/1285, submitted by Indonesia and the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts”.

(Signed) **Dai Bing**

Ambassador

Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations

Annex IV**Letter dated 28 December 2020 from the Special Envoy to the Security Council of the Dominican Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to your letter dated 28 December 2020, regarding the Security Council draft resolution contained in document S/2020/1285 under the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorists acts”.

Upon instructions from my Government, the delegation of the Dominican Republic votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) José **Singer Weisinger**
Ambassador

Special Envoy to the Security Council of the Dominican Republic

Annex V

Letter dated 28 December 2020 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 that, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, my delegation votes in favour of draft resolution S/2020/1285, in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts”, to be adopted on 29 December.

(Signed) **Sven Jürgenson**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations

Annex VI**Letter dated 28 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: French]

In reference to the letter dated 28 December 2020 from the President of the Security Council calling on the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by Indonesia and the United States of America and put into blue in document S/2020/1285, relating to the Security Council committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015), concerning the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, France votes in favour.

(Signed) **Nicolas de Rivière**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

Annex VII

Letter dated 29 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

It is my honour to write to you in response to the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 28 December 2020 initiating a written voting procedure in line with the agreement reached among members of the Security Council.

The vote of the Federal Republic of Germany on the draft resolution submitted by Indonesia and the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts”, as contained in document S/2020/1285, is as follows:

The Federal Republic of Germany votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) **Christoph Heusgen**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations

Annex VIII**Letter dated 28 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing in reference to the letter dated 28 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution under the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts” (S/2020/1285).

I hereby indicate that Indonesia votes in favour of the said draft resolution.

(Signed) Dian Triansyah **Djani**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations

Annex IX

Letter dated 28 December 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in response to the letter dated 28 December 2020 from the President of the Security Council, calling on the members of the Council to express their votes on draft resolution S/2020/1285, submitted by Indonesia and the United States of America in connection with the agenda item "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts".

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 the said draft resolution.

(Signed) Niandou **Aougi**
Minister Counsellor
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Niger to the United Nations

Annex X**Letter dated 28 December 2020 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 28 December 2020 regarding the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts" (S/2020/1285).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council in place during the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic, as outlined in a letter by the President of the Security Council of 27 March 2020 (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of draft resolution S/2020/1285.

(Signed) **Dimitry Polyanskiy**
Ambassador

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

Annex XI

Letter dated 28 December 2020 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/2020/1285) submitted by Indonesia and the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts”.

In that respect, I wish to inform you 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 XII**Letter dated 28 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to your letter dated 28 December 2020, regarding the Security Council draft resolution submitted by the United States of America and Indonesia in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts”, contained in document S/2020/1285.

The delegation of the Republic of South Africa votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Jerry Matthews **Matjila**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations

Annex XIII

Letter dated 28 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to the letter dated 28 December from the Permanent Representative of South Africa, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution submitted by Indonesia and the United States of America, in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts”, as contained in document S/2020/1285, I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of that draft resolution.

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

Annex XIV**Letter dated 29 December 2020 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 28 December 2020 from the President of the Security Council, the United Kingdom votes in favour of draft resolution S/2020/1285, submitted by Indonesia and the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts”.

(Signed) Barbara **Woodward**

Ambassador

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

Annex XV

Letter dated 29 December 2020 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 Indonesia and the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts” (S/2020/1285), the United States of America votes in favour.

(Signed) **Kelly Craft**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the
United Nations

Annex XVI**Letter dated 28 December 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In reference to the letter of the President of the Security Council of 28 December 2020 relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts", as contained in document S/2020/1285, I would like hereby to inform you that Viet Nam votes in favour of the said draft resolution.

(Signed) **Pham Hai Anh**
Ambassador
Chargé d'Affaires of Viet Nam to the United Nations

Annex XVII

Statement by the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations, Dian Triansyah Djani

Indonesia welcomes the unanimous adoption of Security Council resolution 2560 (2020), relating to the Security Council committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015), concerning the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities.

As a co-penholder, we thank all members of the Security Council for their support and constructive engagement during the negotiation process. Our appreciation, of course, goes to our co-penholder on the issue, the United States of America, for its excellent collaboration in bringing this important resolution to the finish line.

This resolution is also in line with Indonesia's commitment to utilize sanctions as an important tool in support of comprehensive counter-terrorism efforts, which has been one of the priorities of our membership in the Security Council.

Resolution 2560 (2020) not only tasks the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team to provide the Committee with specific recommendation but also continues to encourage all Member States to actively submit listing requests; submit information in order to keep the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida sanctions list reliable and up-to-date; and make use of exemptions to the sanctions measures in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions.

The resolution may be succinct, but it represents a milestone. This resolution is an important part of our continuous endeavour to increase fairness and the effectiveness of the rules and procedures of our sanctions committees. Therefore, our common achievement today is a symbol of a small but important step to that end.
