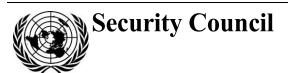
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Letter dated 28 September 2023 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

On 19 September 2023, the Security Council received a request from Somalia for a technical pause in the planned drawdown of 3,000 African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) troops, which was due to take place by 30 September.

The Security Council understands that the Peace and Security Council of the African Union will meet on 29 September 2023 to discuss that request.

The Security Council has agreed to continue its authorization, in paragraph 19 of resolution 2687 (2023), of the deployment of 17,626 uniformed personnel to ATMIS during the pause. Accordingly, the Council kindly requests the United Nations to pause the planned changes to the support provided by the United Nations Support Office in Somalia to ATMIS and Somali personnel, which were to take place from 1 October 2023.

Specifically, the Security Council requests the United Nations to continue to support up to 17,626 ATMIS uniformed personnel, inclusive of a minimum of 1,040 police personnel, and up to 15,900 personnel of the Somali National Army or Somali Police Force until 31 October 2023, provided that the appropriate resources are available.

(Signed) Ferit **Hoxha** President of the Security Council



