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Letter dated 6 November 2023 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Given the deteriorating situation in the Sudan since the onset of conflict in April 2023, I have decided to initiate an independently led strategic review of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS). The overall objective of the strategic review will be to provide the Security Council with recommendations to ensure that the United Nations is best positioned to support peacemaking and peacebuilding efforts in the Sudan over the coming 12- to 18-month period. The aim of the strategic review will be to ensure that the mandate, direction, priorities and configuration of the Mission adequately reflect the needs and capacities of the Sudanese people and to support the Sudan on its path towards peace and stability.

The team leader of the strategic review will be supported by a team comprising representatives of various pillars of the United Nations. The team will consult with internal and external stakeholders, including the Sudanese authorities, civil society, regional and subregional organizations, Member States and relevant entities in the United Nations system. This will ensure that a wide range of views are taken into consideration in the recommendations of the strategic review. Field visits to appropriate locations will be undertaken by the team leader and relevant team members. I intend to share the findings and recommendations of the strategic review with the Security Council in January 2024.

I would be grateful if you could bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António Guterres

