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Letter dated 1 February 2024 from the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic extended pursuant to Security Council resolution 2693 (2023) addressed to the President of the Security Council

The members of the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic extended pursuant to resolution 2693 (2023) have the honour to transmit herewith, in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 2693 (2023), the midterm report on their work (see annex).

The report was provided to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic on 26 January 2024 and was considered by the Committee on 1 February 2024.

The Panel of Experts would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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Midterm report of the Panel of Experts on Central African Republic extended pursuant to Security Council resolution 2693 (2023)

1. The Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic was extended on 27 July 2023 by the Security Council in its resolution 2693 (2023). Four of the five members of the Panel were appointed by the Secretary-General on 4 January 2024 (S/2024/22) and since then, two members of the Panel have started their work, while the remaining two are in the process of being released by their former employers.

2. The Panel has started developing its investigation and travel plans and has launched several preliminary investigations into activities that threaten the peace, security and stability of Central African Republic. The Panel has also initiated inquiries into the implementation of the measures as renewed by resolution 2693 (2023).

3. From 22 to 26 January 2024, the Panel held bilateral meetings with the members of the Security Council Committee established pursuant resolution 2127 (2013). The Panel is scheduled to present its investigation workplan for the remainder of the mandate to the Committee on 29 January.

4. While the Security Council, in paragraph 7 of its resolution 2693 (2023), requested the Panel to provide, after discussion with the Committee, a midterm report no later than 31 January 2024, the Panel has not had sufficient time to reach conclusions that meet its evidentiary standards.

5. The Panel will therefore provide details of its findings in its final report, the submission of which was requested by the Council to be no later than 15 June 2024. In addition, the Panel intends to provide progress updates to the Committee during its mandate, as appropriate.