



## Security Council

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### **Letter dated 10 January 2025 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I would like to express our most serious concerns regarding the selection process by the Secretary-General of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Libya and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL).

The Secretary-General's communication to the Security Council of his suggested candidate – Hanna Serwaa Tetteh – was circulated “at the eleventh hour” and without any prior consultation with Council members. This creates an artificial deadline and significantly limits the capacity of delegations to adequately review and consider this important appointment.

It is even more unfortunate that these steps were taken without prior consultation with the Libyan side and lacking its articulated agreement. Such an approach runs counter to the established practice and may harm the cooperative spirit of decision-making as well as undermine trust in the appointments of the Secretary-General.

The mandate of UNSMIL is set to expire in less than three weeks, on 31 January, unless, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution [2755 \(2024\)](#), a Special Representative is appointed. For the Council to make an informed decision, rather than a rushed one, there is a need for more clarity about the selection process and the candidates considered.

In this regard, I respectfully ask the President of the Security Council to prepare a draft letter to the Secretary-General in response to his letter, requesting the Secretary-General to provide, without any delay, comprehensive information on all candidates proposed by Member States or considered for the position, including their qualifications, relevant experience and the rationale for the Secretary-General's proposed selection, as well as the reasons why these candidates were deemed unsuitable. Such transparency is essential to enable Security Council members to fulfil their responsibilities effectively and to ensure that the appointment process aligns with established standards in this regard. The Council would then be in a position to take a conscious decision on a candidate that better suits the job, and supporting Ms. Tetteh's candidature might be one of the options.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia

