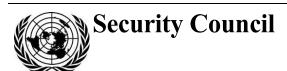
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Letter dated 23 May 2025 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 30 April 2025 (\$\(\)2025/268 \)) in connection with Security Council resolution 2767 (2024), in which the Council requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the African Union Commission Chairperson, Somalia and international stakeholders, to carry out and submit to the Security Council and the General Assembly an independent strategic review of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS), has been brought to the attention of the Security Council.

The Security Council takes note of the recommendations set out in the report of the independent strategic review, and further notes that financial and budgetary matters require deliberations and approvals by relevant United Nations bodies in accordance with their mandates and the Charter of the United Nations. The Security Council stresses the importance of the operational effectiveness of UNSOS and its ability to deliver its mandate in full, including regarding its logistical support for the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM), the Somali National Army and the Somali Police Force, in line with resolution 2767 (2024).

Furthermore, I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 7 May 2025 (\$\(\)2025/295 \)) in connection with Security Council resolution 2767 (2024), in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Security Council a report detailing the progress made in preparations for the implementation of the framework established by resolution 2719 (2023) to AUSSOM under the hybrid implementation set out in the joint report, has likewise been brought to the attention of the Security Council.

The Security Council welcomes the substantial progress made across the workstreams of the joint African Union – United Nations road map for the operationalization of resolution 2719 (2023), and additionally recognizes the efforts made through further consultations between the African Union and the United Nations (see S/2025/268 and S/2025/295), to enable the implementation of the framework established by resolution 2719 (2023) to AUSSOM within existing resources. The Security Council takes further note of the communiqué dated 25 April 2025 on the extraordinary summit of the troop-contributing countries to AUSSOM, and the Federal Government of Somalia and the African Union Peace and Security Council's communiqué dated 29 April 2025, which repeated the call of the African Union for the application of resolution 2719 (2023) to AUSSOM. The Security Council recalls the broad support enjoyed by resolution 2767 (2024) at its adoption.





However, the Security Council regrets that consensus has not been reached on the implementation of the framework established by resolution 2719 (2023) to AUSSOM, despite the broad support expressed by member States. The Security Council cannot, therefore, confirm the request of the Secretary-General in paragraph 39 of resolution 2767 (2024).

The Security Council reaffirms its support to AUSSOM and underscores that the continued presence of AUSSOM remains indispensable for peace and security in Somalia. The Security Council restates its support to the continued provision of a logistical support package through UNSOS, as provided for in paragraphs 29 to 34 of resolution 2767 (2024).

The Security Council requests the Secretary-General to continue working closely with the African Union in supporting the implementation of resolution 2767 (2024), and further requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide advice and support, as requested by the African Union, to strengthen resource mobilization for AUSSOM, including to urgently convene a high-level donor meeting.

The Security Council encourages traditional and new donors to support by providing the necessary funding to AUSSOM to enable the full implementation of its mandate, and welcomes the voluntary contributions to AUSSOM mobilized so far from the international community (see S/2025/295). The Security Council further requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the African Union Commission Chairperson and Somalia, in the second update requested in paragraph 46 of resolution 2767 (2024), to provide recommendations to the Security Council for improvements to resource mobilization for donor-provided voluntary contributions to AUSSOM, in line with the principles of predictability, flexibility and sustainability.

The Security Council recalls resolution 2719 (2023) and reaffirms its agreement to consider on a case-by-case basis requests from the African Union Peace and Security Council seeking authorization from the Security Council for African Union-led peace support operations under Chapters VII and VIII of the Charter to have access to United Nations assessed contributions, on the terms established in paragraphs 3 to 13 of resolution 2719 (2023). The Security Council looks forward to the next annual report on progress in the implementation of resolution 2719 (2023).

The Security Council reaffirms its condemnation of the attempts by Al-Shabaab to undermine peace, security and stability in Somalia and the region, including through acts of terrorism, which continue to pose a threat to international peace and security, and expresses its commitment to continue to support Somalia to achieve lasting and durable peace and security.

(Signed) Evangelos **Sekeris** President of the Security Council

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