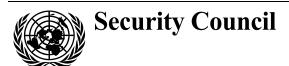
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Letter dated 7 August 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the military component of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET).

Lieutenant-General Boonsrang Niumpradit of Thailand, who has served as Force Commander of UNTAET since 19 July 2000, will relinquish his post on 31 August 2001. I wish to inform the Security Council of my intention to appoint Lieutenant-General Winai Phattiyakul of Thailand to the post of Force Commander of UNTAET with effect from 1 September 2001.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan

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