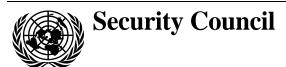
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Letter dated 24 May 2004 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1545 (2004), dated 21 May 2004, establishing the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB).

Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Ms. Carolyn McAskie (Canada) as my Special Representative for Burundi and Head of ONUB. Ms. McAskie has been serving as Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the work of Mr. Berhanu Dinka (Ethiopia), who has served as my Special Representative for Burundi since July 2002 and has made a considerable contribution to the peace process in that country. Mr. Dinka will continue his assignment as my Special Representative until 15 June.

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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