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Letter dated 30 January 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 20 January 2006 (S/2006/40) concerning the decision of the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council to choose Christian Schwarz-Schilling (Germany) to succeed Paddy Ashdown as High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina as of 31 January 2006 has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They welcome the decision of the Peace Implementation Council. They also wish to express their appreciation to Lord Ashdown for his invaluable contribution.

(Signed) Augustine P. **Mahiga**
President of the Security Council

