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Letter dated 15 May 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

As I indicated in my letter addressed to you of 7 May 2007 (S/2007/279), it is my intention to phase down and close the United Nations Tajikistan Office of Peacebuilding (UNTOP), whose mandate expires on 31 May 2007.

In this context, the Mission should hand over its substantive programmes, projects and activities to national and international partners, including State authorities, institutions and civil society organizations. Given the time period required for this process, and in response to the request of the Government of Tajikistan, it is my intention to continue the activities of UNTOP for a period of two months, until 31 July 2007.

During this time, UNTOP will also perform functions related to the preparation and holding of an international conference on the tenth anniversary of the peace agreement. This event will mark the contribution of the United Nations to the peace process in Tajikistan and will provide a forum for discussion of the work of UNTOP and lessons learned.

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

(Signed) **Ban** Ki-moon

