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**Letter dated 24 December 2015 from the Secretary-General  
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), the mandate for which was extended until 31 March 2016 by the Security Council in its resolution 2211 (2015).

Following the usual consultations, I wish to inform you of my intention to appoint Lieutenant General Derick Mbuyiselo Mgwebi (South Africa) as Force Commander of MONUSCO. Lieutenant General Mgwebi will succeed Lieutenant General Carlos Alberto Dos Santos Cruz (Brazil), who completed his tour of duty on 2 December 2015. I should like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Lieutenant General Dos Santos Cruz for his important contribution to MONUSCO.

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

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

