

**Security Council**

Distr.: General
4 August 2004

Original: English

Letter dated 27 July 2004 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 23 July 2004 (S/2004/619) concerning the composition of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994 has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. Having consulted the members of the Council, I support your intention to appoint Judge J. Asoka de Silva as a permanent judge of the International Tribunal.

(Signed) Mihnea Ioan **Motoc**
President of the Security Council