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**Identical letters dated 3 December 2014 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the
President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit the attached letter dated 25 November 2014 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Judge Theodor Meron.

In his letter, Judge Meron supplements, in respect of a single judge, his letter of 1 October 2014 ([A/69/559-S/2014/780](#), annex), by which he requested the extension of the term of office of 17 permanent and ad litem judges of the Trial and Appeals Chambers of the International Tribunal until the dates set out therein or until the completion of the cases to which they are or will be assigned, if sooner. In particular, Judge Meron wishes to amend his request for extension of the term of office of Judge Patrick Robinson (Jamaica) to 31 July 2015, or until the completion of the cases to which he is assigned, if sooner, in view of the election of Judge Robinson to the International Court of Justice.

It falls to the General Assembly and the Security Council to consider and decide on this amended request. Accordingly, I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon



Annex

Letter dated 25 November 2014 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour of referring to my letter of 1 October ([A/69/559-S/2014/780](#), annex) in which I brought to your attention the necessity of extending the terms of office of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia's permanent and ad litem Judges.

By the present letter, I wish to supplement the letter I sent to you on 1 October 2014. In particular, since I sent the letter of 1 October, Judge Patrick Robinson (Jamaica) has been elected to the International Court of Justice. Accordingly, Judge Robinson is being removed from all cases to which he is assigned except for *Popović et al.* and *Tolimir*, where hearings have already been held and judgements are forecast for January and March 2015, respectively. In these circumstances, I would ask that Judge Robinson's term be extended to 31 July 2015 or until the completion of the cases to which he is assigned, if earlier.^a

I would be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the Security Council for its consideration.

(Signed) Theodor **Merón**
President

^a My present request accords with our practice wherein if the judgement in the last case to which a judge is expected to or will be assigned is forecast for delivery between January and July of a certain year, an extension until July of that year is requested. If the judgement in the last case to which a judge is expected to or will be assigned is anticipated between August and December of a certain year, an extension until December of that year is requested.