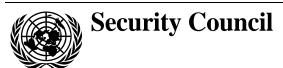
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Letter dated 24 August 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1552 (2004), adopted on 27 July 2004, concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In paragraph 5 of that resolution the Council requested me to re-establish, in consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and for a period expiring on 31 January 2005, the group of experts referred to in paragraph 10 of resolution 1533 (2004). In paragraph 6 of resolution 1552 (2004), the Security Council requested the group of experts to report to the Council in writing before 15 December 2004 on the implementation of the arms embargo imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493 (2003), and extended by resolution 1552 (2004), with recommendations in that regard.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consultations with the Committee, I have appointed the following experts:

Ms. Kathi Lynn Austin (United States of America)

Mr. Victor Dupere (Canada)

Mr. Jean Luc Gallet (France)

Mr. Léon-Pascal Seudie (Cameroon)

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

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan