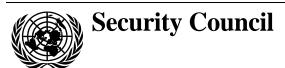
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Letter dated 7 January 2005 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 20 December 2004 (S/2004/985), concerning your intention to appoint Volker Beck (Germany), Richard T. Cupitt (United States of America), Roque Monteleone-Neto (Brazil) and Victor S. Slipchenko (Russian Federation) as experts to assist the work of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the intention expressed in your letter.

(Signed) César **Mayoral** President of the Security Council

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