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**Letter dated 23 December 2008 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to inform you that the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 of your report dated 26 November 2008 (S/2008/733) to extend the mandate of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in the Central African Republic for an additional year, from 1 January to 31 December 2009, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of that recommendation.

Council members also acknowledge the need to establish an integrated United Nations office in the Central African Republic, as emphasized in the conclusions made by a delegation of the Peacebuilding Commission following its recent visit to the country. They look forward to your recommendations in this regard and would appreciate receiving them by 28 February 2009.

(Signed) Neven **Jurica**  
President of the Security Council

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