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Letter dated 10 December 2013 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution [2118 \(2013\)](#), and to your letter of 11 October 2013 ([S/2013/603](#)) authorizing the establishment of the Joint Mission of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the United Nations to eliminate the chemical weapons programme of the Syrian Arab Republic. I also refer to my letter of 27 November 2013 ([S/2013/700](#)), which notes that the Syrian Arab Republic has begun phase III of the elimination of its chemical weapons programme, in the course of which all necessary transfers of chemicals weapons materials, as designated by the Director General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), will be performed. These chemical weapons and materials will be removed and transported by sea out of the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

In order for the Joint Mission to perform its role in facilitating and coordinating international assistance and planning, I now intend, in close consultation with the Director General of OPCW, to solicit and coordinate appropriate support from Member States for the removal and maritime transport of those items, as well as the necessary transfers, and to assist them in those activities in furtherance of the implementation of Security Council resolution [2118 \(2013\)](#).

I also intend to mobilize resources to assist Member States in managing the risks and potential liabilities associated with the removal, maritime transport and ultimate destruction of the aforementioned items in implementation of Security Council resolution [2118 \(2013\)](#).

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter urgently to the attention of the members of the Security Council, so that the Council is able to respond to the above points as early as possible.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

