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**Letter dated 6 January 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID). Following the usual consultations, it is my intention, as well as that of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, to appoint Jeremiah Nyamane Kingsley Mamabolo (South Africa) as Acting Joint Special Representative for Darfur and Head of UNAMID, with responsibilities including those of African Union-United Nations Joint Chief Mediator, for an initial period of three months.

Mr. Mamabolo succeeds Martin Ihoeghian Uhomobhi (Nigeria), to whom Ms. Dlamini-Zuma and I wish to reiterate our deep appreciation for his service during his tenure.

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

*(Signed)* António **Guterres**

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