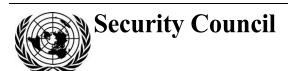
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Letter dated 9 September 2019 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 5 September 2019 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established under Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 30 July 2019 (S/AC.51/2019/2) (see annex).

(Signed) Vassily A. **Nebenzia** President of the Security Council





Annex

Letter dated 5 September 2019 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General

At its 75th formal meeting, on 20 November 2018, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the fifth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Myanmar (S/2018/956), covering the period from 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2018. At its 83rd meeting, on 30 July 2019, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Myanmar (S/AC.51/2019/2).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014), 2225 (2015) and 2427 (2018), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, with:

- (a) Inviting you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting strengthens, in cooperation with the Government of Myanmar, its monitoring, reporting, prevention and response activities regarding all violations and abuses against children in Myanmar;
- (b) Requesting you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in Myanmar continues its engagement with the Government of Myanmar to develop and implement action plans that address killing and maining as well as rape and other sexual violence for which the Tatmadaw, including the integrated border guard forces, have been listed in annex I to the annual report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict;
- (c) Also inviting you to encourage the country task force on monitoring and reporting to prioritize its efforts to reach out to all other parties in Myanmar listed in annex I to the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict with a view to developing action plans to end the recruitment and use of children in violation of applicable international law and to address other violations and abuses against children in Myanmar;
- (d) Encouraging you to request the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and other relevant United Nations agencies and organs to provide, within their respective mandates and in close cooperation with the Government of Myanmar, further support to the Government of Myanmar to strengthen national institutions, in improving birth registration systems, in reinforcing recruitment procedures, including through the institution of effective age-assessment mechanisms, in providing rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for children formerly associated with armed forces and groups and in bolstering the education system, including in conflict-affected areas;
- (e) Encouraging you to request your Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict to continue her engagement with the Government of Myanmar, to keep engaging with all parties and to plan, if necessary, a follow-up visit to the country.

(Signed) Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve Chair Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

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