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Letter dated 21 July 2020 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 17 July 2020 (see annex) from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 15 April 2020 ([S/AC.51/2020/3](#)).

(Signed) Christoph **Heusgen**
President of the Security Council



Annex**Letter dated 17 July 2020 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General**

At its 87th meeting, on 8 November 2019, the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the fourth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Central African Republic ([S/2019/852](#)), which covers the period from 1 January 2016 to 30 June 2019 and was introduced by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. The Permanent Representative of the Central African Republic to the United Nations also addressed the Working Group. The Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Central African Republic on 15 April 2020 ([S/AC.51/2020/3](#)).

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, to:

(a) Commend you on the active engagement with parties to conflict and fruitful work of the country task force on monitoring and reporting in the Central African Republic, and request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in the Central African Republic and other relevant United Nations agencies continue their engagement and support to the Government of the Central African Republic to address and prevent violations and abuses against children in armed conflict;

(b) Request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting continues its engagement with parties to conflict in line with resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#) to advocate for the release and reintegration of children and facilitate the adoption of action plans to end and prevent violations and abuses against children, while welcoming the adoption of action plans with the Mouvement patriotique pour la Centrafrique (MPC), Front populaire pour la renaissance de la Centrafrique (FPRC) and Union pour la paix en Centrafrique (UPC) factions of the ex-Séléka;

(c) Request you to continue to ensure the effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict in the Central African Republic and of the Child Protection Section of MINUSCA, including by ensuring that sufficient child protection capacities are allocated to the Mission;

(d) Recall the directive issued by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Central African Republic to the MINUSCA Force Commander and the Police Commissioner prohibiting the use of schools during the conduct of their activities, welcome the Force Commander's directive on child protection, issued in December 2018 by the MINUSCA Force Commander, and call for the full implementation of those directives and for the finalization of the Police Commissioner's directive on child protection;

(e) Express deep concern over the continuing and serious allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations peacekeepers in MINUSCA and by non-United Nations forces, and request you to take all necessary measures to ensure full compliance of MINUSCA civilian and uniformed personnel, including mission leadership and mission support personnel, with the United Nations zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to keep the Council fully informed about the Mission's progress in this regard, including by reporting on the start, agreed

deadlines, and outcomes of 2272 reviews, stressing the need to prevent such exploitation and abuse and to improve how these allegations are addressed in line with resolution [2272 \(2016\)](#);

(f) Request you to ensure that the matter of children and armed conflict is included as a specific element in all country-specific reports on the Central African Republic;

(g) Request you to disseminate the present document to the relevant entities within the United Nations system.

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