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Letter dated 22 September 2020 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I transmit herewith a letter dated 17 September 2020 (see annex) from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established pursuant to resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#), in which he sets out the conclusions adopted by the Working Group on 24 July 2020 ([S/AC.51/2020/4](#)).

(Signed) Abdou **Abarry**
President of the Security Council



Annex

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At its 89th meeting, on 8 January 2020, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict of the Security Council examined the third report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Iraq (S/2019/984), which covers the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 July 2019 and was introduced by your Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict. The Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations also addressed the Working Group, and the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Iraq on 24 July 2020 (S/AC.51/2020/4).

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) Welcome the efforts of your Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) and the United Nations Children's Fund to highlight the plight of children affected by armed conflict in Iraq, and welcome their efforts to strengthen child protection in Iraq;

(b) Request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in Iraq and other relevant United Nations agencies continue their engagement and efforts to support the Government of Iraq to address violations and abuses committed against children in Iraq;

(c) Recognize the importance of the monitoring and reporting of violations and abuses against children, and request you to ensure the continued effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on grave violations against children in situations of armed conflict, as established by the Security Council in its resolution 1612 (2005) and further developed in subsequent resolutions;

(d) Request you to ensure support for the mandate of UNAMI to assist the efforts of the Government of Iraq to strengthen child protection, including the rehabilitation and reintegration of children, to continue to give priority to the child protection capacity of UNAMI and to ensure that information and analysis on the six grave violations against children affected by armed conflict are specifically included in his future reports, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions.

(Signed) Philippe **Kridelka**

Chair

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict