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**Letter dated 31 March 2009 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1853 (2008) concerning Somalia, adopted on 19 December 2008. In paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Monitoring Group and requested me to take the necessary administrative measures to re-establish the Monitoring Group for a period of 12 months. In my letter dated 6 March 2009 (S/2009/136), I informed the Council that I had appointed four experts to serve on the Monitoring Group.

I now wish to inform you that, after consulting with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia, I have appointed the fifth expert to serve on the Monitoring Group:

Arnaud Laloum, France (arms expert)

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

(Signed) **Ban** Ki-moon

