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Letter dated 2 December 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my report of 15 December 2004 (S/2004/969) on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS), in which I proposed, and the Security Council subsequently approved (resolution 1580 (2004)), the extension of the mandate of UNOGBIS until 22 December 2005.

During the year 2005, UNOGBIS continued its activities in support of the country's efforts to restore constitutional rule in the aftermath of the coup d'état staged by the military on 14 September 2003. With the successful conclusion of the electoral process and the swearing-in of President João Bernardo Vieira on 1 October 2005, the transitional process in Guinea-Bissau has come to an end, and constitutional order has been fully restored.

President Vieira, in his letter to me of 21 November 2005, stressed that with the peaceful conclusion of the political transition and the full restoration of constitutional order an important element of the UNOGBIS mandate had been achieved. He observed, however, that the Office still had a decisive role to play in some key areas for the consolidation of peace and stability in Guinea-Bissau and requested an extension of the mandate of UNOGBIS until 31 December 2006.

To enable UNOGBIS to continue assisting Guinea-Bissau to address the post-transitional challenges it confronts as it pursues its difficult peacebuilding process, I recommend that the mandate of UNOGBIS be extended for one year, until 31 December 2006.

Given the changed political situation in the country, I would like, furthermore, to refer to the proposals contained in my report of 12 September 2005 (S/2005/575), in which I recommended a revision of the UNOGBIS mandate to allow the Office to adjust to the post-transitional challenges the country now faces.

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

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**