Letter dated 23 July 2019 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS), which was established by the Security Council in its resolution 1876 (2009) and whose mandate was most recently extended by its resolution 2458 (2019), in which, inter alia, the Council called for the gradual drawdown of UNIOGBIS and its exit no later than 31 December 2020.

I wish to inform you of my intention to appoint Ms. Rosine Sori-Coulibaly (Burkina Faso) as my Special Representative for Guinea-Bissau and Head of UNIOGBIS at the level of Assistant Secretary-General. She succeeds Mr. José Viegas Filho (Brazil), who completed his assignment on 18 May 2019.

Following the successful holding of legislative elections in Guinea-Bissau on 10 March 2019 and the appointment of a Prime Minister on 22 June 2019, and in light of the decision to hold a presidential election on 24 November 2019, the good offices of and political facilitation by the United Nations will continue to be critical in the coming months to support the efforts of the country to achieve further progress towards the full implementation of the Conakry Agreement. The new Special Representative and Head of UNIOGBIS will also have the responsibility of implementing the overall mandate of the mission, as well as preparing and managing its exit no later than 31 December 2020.

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

(Signed) António Guterres