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Letter dated 16 February 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 10 February 2021 (S/2021/149) has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. In that letter, you expressed your intention to extend the mandate of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (Special Tribunal) from 1 March 2021 for a further period of two years, or until the completion of the cases before the Special Tribunal, if sooner, or the exhaustion of available funds, if sooner. In your letter, you also informed the Council of your intention to request, as a temporary measure, a subvention from the General Assembly for 2021. The members of the Council have taken note of your intention to extend the mandate of the Special Tribunal.

Bearing in mind that a subvention would be a temporary exceptional measure to address the current financial situation of the Special Tribunal, the members of the Council have also taken note of your intention to request the subvention from the General Assembly for 2021 to cover the anticipated shortfall in contributions from Lebanon, as well as from the usual donors of the Special Tribunal, with the understanding that the subvention will be subsequently reimbursed from the voluntary contributions received by the Special Tribunal, the applicable reporting requirements to the Assembly will be complied with and the voluntary nature of the funding arrangement of the Special Tribunal will not be changed.

The members of the Council stress that contributions from Lebanon, as well as from the donors, should remain a major source of funding for the Special Tribunal and that additional efforts should be made to avoid reliance on the subvention.

(Signed) Barbara Woodward
President of the Security Council

