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Letter dated 20 December 2010 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 14 December 2010 (S/2010/660) concerning the mandate of the United Nations Office for West Africa has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

The members of the Security Council concur with the recommendation, contained in your sixth report on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa (S/2010/614), to extend the mandate of the Office for a further period of three years, from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013. In this regard, the members of the Council encourage you to actively explore the possibility of direct contributions from Member States, in addition to the availability of resources from within the United Nations.

The members of the Security Council also take note of your intention to revise the functions and activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa, as reflected in the draft mandate annexed to your letter. The members of the Council request that you report to the Council every six months on the fulfilment by the Office of its revised mandate.

(Signed) Susan E. Rice
President of the Security Council

