Letter dated 15 September 2011 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 8 of resolution 1960 (2010), by which the Security Council requested me to establish monitoring, analysis and reporting arrangements on conflict-related sexual violence, including rape in situations of armed conflict and post-conflict and other situations relevant to the implementation of resolution 1888 (2009). I also refer to paragraph 18 of resolution 1960 (2010), by which the Council requested me to continue to submit annual reports to the Council on the implementation of resolution 1820 (2008) and to submit my next report by December of 2011 on the implementation of resolutions 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009) and 1960 (2010).

An extensive and rigorous inter-agency consultation process within the United Nations has taken place, and the system entities have now agreed on and finalized the modalities of the monitoring, analysis and reporting arrangements requested by the Security Council. To ensure that there is adequate time to put in place the structures to generate deeper and more reliable information for the Council, it is anticipated that my report to the Council will be issued by 31 January 2012. Therefore, I respectfully request an extension of the time frame for this report.

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

(Signed) BAN Ki-moon