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Letter dated 12 June 2013 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 5 March 2013 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Judge Theodor Meron, in which he seeks the support of the members of the Security Council in facilitating the completion of the Tribunal's work through the appointment of an additional judge to be deployed to the Appeals Chamber.

The members of the Security Council note that the Tribunal has less than the maximum number of 16 permanent judges permitted under article 12, paragraph 1, of its statute. The members of the Council have carefully analysed the current situation in the Tribunal based on the Completion Strategy Report of the Tribunal (S/2013/308) and the April 2013 consolidated comprehensive plan and the updated and detailed schedules for each of the individual cases which the Tribunal presented to the Council pursuant to its resolution 2081 (2012). The members of the Council reasonably expect that an additional permanent judge would assist in the effective and timely completion of the Tribunal's mandate in accordance with resolution 1966 (2010).

Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that the members of the Security Council have decided that one permanent judge of the Tribunal should be elected under article 13 bis, paragraph 1, of the statute, to be immediately assigned and redeployed to the Appeals Chamber.

In this regard, the members of the Security Council request you to invite States to submit nominations within a period of 30 days. From the nominations received, the Council will establish a list of three candidates, or, should there be only two nominations, a list of two candidates, taking into account the adequate representation of the principal legal systems of the world and the nationalities of the current permanent judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. The term of office of the judge elected will be the same as the term of office of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia judges currently serving in the Appeals Chamber.

(Signed) Mark **Lyll** Grant
President of the Security Council

