Letter dated 21 December 2018 from the representatives of Belgium, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, China, Côte d’Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, France, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, the Netherlands, Peru, South Africa and Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

We, the undersigned current and incoming members of the Security Council, are writing with reference to the letter sent on 14 May this year concerning the lack of implementation of Security Council resolution 2334 (2016) (S/2018/454).

The adoption of resolution 2334 (2016) constituted a milestone. The Council sent a clear message to both parties on the importance of reversing the negative trends which are undermining the prospects of a two-State solution. As was emphasized in the letter of 14 May, and has been repeatedly conveyed by several members of the Council, the implementation of the provisions in resolution 2334 (2016) is urgently needed.

In paragraph 12 of the resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council every three months on the implementation of the provisions of the resolution. As stated in the letter of 14 May, we remain convinced that written reports would contribute to furthering the implementation of resolution 2334 (2016). We recall that the circulation of written reports to the Council is standard practice, according to paragraph 62 of the annex to the note by the President of the Security Council dated 30 August 2017 (S/2017/507). The reports of the Secretary-General serve to further the implementation of the Council’s resolutions and facilitate the preparation of relevant meetings of the Council. Our expectation is to receive written reports at least every second reporting occasion.

We therefore once again request the Secretary-General to circulate a written report on the implementation of resolution 2334 (2016) to the Council prior to its meetings designated for the follow-up of resolution 2334 (2016).

We kindly request this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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