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**Letter dated 12 June 2018 from the Security Council Facilitator  
for the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015) addressed to the  
President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the fifth report of the Joint Commission to the Security Council on the status of the Procurement Working Group's decisions and on any implementation issues, which covers the period from 1 December 2017 to 12 June 2018.

I should be grateful if the present letter and the report could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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## **Report of the Joint Commission to the Security Council on the status of the Procurement Working Group's decisions and on any implementation issues**

1. This is the fifth report of the Joint Commission, established by the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, to the Security Council on the status of the Procurement Working Group's decisions and on any implementation issues. It provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Procurement Working Group from 1 December 2017 to 12 June 2018.
2. The Procurement Working Group comprises the States that are participants in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, with a designated representative of the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy serving as Coordinator.
3. The Procurement Working Group held seven meetings. Representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency participated as observers in one of the meetings. The Procurement Working Group reviewed 13 proposals from three States: 8 were recommended for approval, 2 were withdrawn by the proposing States and 3 are currently under review.
4. Documents relating to the work of the Procurement Working Group, as endorsed by the Joint Commission and updated in September 2017, are publicly available, including through the Security Council website dedicated to the implementation of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#).
5. The participants in the Procurement Working Group continued to engage with Member States to raise awareness of the procurement channel process and to explain the role and objectives of the Procurement Working Group. The Coordinator of the Procurement Working Group also addressed representatives of the Security Council in the "2231 format" on the procurement channel process on 27 April 2018.
6. On 9 May 2018, the Coordinator of the Procurement Working Group was informed that the United States of America was withdrawing from the Procurement Working Group, following the announcement of the President of the United States on 8 May 2018.<sup>1</sup> As of 9 May, the United States does not participate in the Procurement Working Group activities, including the review of proposals submitted to it. The work of the Procurement Working Group will continue without the participation of the United States.

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<sup>1</sup> "Remarks by President Trump on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action", available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-joint-comprehensive-plan-action/>.