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**Letter dated 29 January 2019 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General**

In my capacity as the President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 31 December 2018 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 18 December 2018 ([S/AC.51/2018/3](#)).

*(Signed)* José **Singer Weisinger**  
President of the Security Council



## Annex

**Letter dated 31 December 2018 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General**

At its 74th formal meeting, on 10 October 2018, the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the second report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in South Sudan (S/2018/865). At its 76th formal meeting, on 18 December 2018, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in South Sudan (S/AC.51/2018/3).

In follow up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014), 2225 (2015) and 2427 (2018), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, with:

(a) Requesting you to ensure that the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the United Nations Children's Fund, as well as other relevant United Nations agencies, continue and strengthen their efforts to support, in line with their respective mandates, the South Sudanese authorities in fighting impunity, including through the strengthening of the criminal justice system, in implementing procedures to screen, divert and prevent children from recruitment and use by the national armed and security forces in South Sudan, in mainstreaming the specific needs of children affected by armed conflict and the protection of their rights in all disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes, including through the development of a gender- and age-sensitive disarmament, demobilization and reintegration process, and in security sector reform, in providing comprehensive rehabilitation and reintegration programmes and opportunities to children formerly associated with national armed forces and non-State armed groups and training of the national armed and security forces on the protection of children, in bolstering the education and health system and in establishing standard operating procedures for the handover of children formerly associated with national armed forces and groups and for the protection of children in the course of military operations, and to give full attention to violations against children in the application of the human rights due diligence policy on United Nations support to non-United Nations security forces;

(b) Further requesting you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in South Sudan continues its engagement with the Government of South Sudan to swiftly revise the existing action plan into a comprehensive action plan addressing all six grave violations against children affected by armed conflict in South Sudan and to continue advocacy for the release and reintegration of children associated with armed forces and armed groups, including in the context of the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan;

(c) Requesting you to call upon the country task force on monitoring and reporting in South Sudan to continue its engagement with the Sudan People's Liberation Army in Opposition (SPLA-IO), in line with resolution 1612 (2005), to facilitate the full implementation of the action plan to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children and killing and maiming of children, signed between SPLA-IO and the United Nations in December 2015;

(d) Requesting you to continue to ensure the effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions and to strengthen its monitoring and reporting activities

regarding all violations and abuses committed against children affected by armed conflict in South Sudan and of the child protection component of UNMISS;

(e) Noting the various measures taken by UNMISS and troop- and police-contributing countries to combat sexual exploitation and abuse, while expressing grave concern that sexual exploitation and abuse of children by peacekeepers continued to be a serious protection concern, calling for the continued implementation by United Nations peacekeeping operations of the Secretary-General's zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse, ensuring full compliance of their personnel with the United Nations code of conduct and reiterating its request to you to continue to take all necessary measures in this regard and to keep the Security Council informed.

(Signed) Olof **Skoog**  
Chair

Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

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