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Letter dated 31 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2515 (2020), in connection with the agenda item entitled “Non-proliferation/Democratic People’s Republic of Korea”. The resolution was adopted on 30 March 2020 in accordance with the voting procedure set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), a procedure agreed upon in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Pursuant to that procedure, I enclose herewith copies of the following documents:

- My letter dated 27 March 2020 addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council, putting to a vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/216 (see annex I and enclosure thereto);
- Letters received in reply from members of the Security Council, indicating their national positions on the draft resolution (see annexes II to XVI).

The present letter and its annexes will be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
President of the Security Council



Annex I

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

According to the understanding and procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council during the current extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and as reflected in my letter dated 27 March 2020, I would like to draw your attention to the following issue.

The members of the Council discussed and reached consensus on the draft resolution submitted by the United States for the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (S/2020/216). The draft resolution has been put in blue (see enclosure).

With the understanding of the members of the Council, in my capacity as President of the Council, I shall put the above-mentioned draft resolution to a vote now.

Please kindly provide your vote (in favour, against or abstention) on that draft resolution and possible explanation of vote by sending the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division of the Secretariat (egian@un.org) a letter signed by the Permanent representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the next non-extendable 24-hour period. The process will then proceed accordingly, as agreed.

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
President of the Security Council
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Enclosure

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United States of America: draft resolution*The Security Council,*

Recalling its previous relevant resolutions, including resolutions 825 (1993), 1540 (2004), 1695 (2006), 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 1887 (2009), 1928 (2010), 1985 (2011), 2050 (2012), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2141 (2014), 2207 (2015), 2270 (2016), 2276 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2345 (2017), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017), 2397 (2017), 2407 (2018), and 2464 (2019), as well as the statements of its President of 6 October 2006 (S/PRST/2006/41), 13 April 2009 (S/PRST/2009/7), 16 April 2012 (S/PRST/2012/13), and 29 August 2017 (S/PRST/2017/16),

Recalling the creation, pursuant to paragraph 26 of resolution 1874 (2009), of a Panel of Experts, under the direction of the Committee, to carry out the tasks provided for by that paragraph,

Recalling the interim report by the Panel of Experts appointed by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 26 of resolution 1874 (2009) and the 11 March 2019 final report (S/2019/171) by the Panel,

Recalling the methodological standards for reports of sanctions monitoring mechanisms contained in the Report of the Informal Working Group of the Security Council on General Issues of Sanctions (S/2006/997),

Welcoming the efforts made by the Secretariat to expand and improve the roster of experts for the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch, bearing in mind the guidance provided by the Note of the President (S/2006/997),

Emphasizing, in that regard, the importance of credible, fact-based, independent assessments, analysis, and recommendations, in accordance with the mandate of the Panel of Experts, as specified in paragraph 26 of resolution 1874 (2009),

Determining that proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery continue to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

Acting under Article 41 of Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to extend until 30 April 2021 the mandate of the Panel of Experts, as specified in paragraph 26 of resolution 1874 (2009) and modified in paragraph 29 of resolution 2094 (2013), decides that this mandate shall apply also with respect to the measures imposed in resolutions 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017), and 2397 (2017), expresses its intent to review the mandate and take appropriate action regarding further extension no later than 26 March 2021, and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures to this effect;
2. *Requests* the Panel of Experts to provide to the Committee no later than 3 August 2020 a midterm report on its work, as requested in paragraph 43 of resolution 2321 (2016), and further requests that, after a discussion with the Committee, the Panel of Experts submit to the Council its midterm report by 4 September 2020, and requests also a final report to the Committee no later than 5 February 2021 with its findings and recommendations, and further requests that, after a discussion with the Committee, the Panel of Experts submit to the Council its final report no later than 5 March 2021;
3. *Requests* the Panel of Experts to provide to the Committee a planned programme of work no later than thirty days after the Panel's reappointment, encourages the Committee to engage in regular discussions about this programme of work and to engage regularly with the Panel about its work, and further requests the Panel of Experts to provide to the Committee any updates to this programme of work;
4. *Further expresses* its intent to continue to follow the work of the Panel;
5. *Urges* all States, relevant United Nations bodies and other interested parties, to cooperate fully with the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and the Panel of Experts, in particular by supplying any information at their disposal on the implementation of the measures imposed by resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017), and 2397 (2017);
6. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Annex II

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council relating to the draft resolution (S/2020/216) on the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009).

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of resolutions under the current extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, I am pleased to indicate that Belgium votes in favour of this draft resolution. At this stage, my delegation does not intend to deliver an explanation of vote.

(Signed) Marc **Pecsteen de Buytswerve**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations

Annex III

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I would like to thank you and your team for the strong support in facilitating the voting procedure.

China will vote in favour of the draft resolution (S/2020/216) submitted by the United States for the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009).

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations

Annex IV

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council relating to the agreement among Council members amid the current extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic to provide our vote in writing within a non-extendable period of 24 hours, and to the letter dated 27 March 2020 in which the President of the Security Council puts to a vote draft resolution S/2020/216, on the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009), the Dominican Republic would like to submit its vote.

In that regard, upon instructions from my Government, the Dominican Republic votes in favour of draft resolution S/2020/216.

(Signed) José **Singer Weisinger**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Special Envoy to the Security Council
of the Dominican Republic

Annex V

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, that my delegation votes in favour of draft resolution S/2020/216, regarding the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009).

(Signed) **Sven Jürgenson**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of Estonia to the United Nations

Annex VI

Letter dated 30 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: French]

I refer to the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council in which he called upon the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolution regarding the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (S/2020/216).

France votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) **Nicolas de Rivière**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

Annex VII

Letter dated 30 March 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

It is my honour to write to you in response to your letter dated 27 March 2020 initiating a written voting procedure, in line with the agreement reached between the members of the Security Council, which is to be assessed at the end of the month of April.

The Federal Republic of Germany votes in favour of the draft resolution submitted by the United States of America on the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (S/2020/216).

(Signed) Jürgen **Schulz**
Ambassador

Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Germany to
the United Nations

Annex VIII

Letter dated 29 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I write in reference to the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution on the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (S/2020/216).

I hereby indicate that Indonesia votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) Dian Triansyah **Djani**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations

Annex IX

Note verbale dated 28 March 2020 from the Permanent Mission of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of the Niger to the United Nations in New York has the honour to refer to the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council for the month of March, enunciating the agreed provisional procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the draft resolution submitted by the United States of America on the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (S/2020/216), the Republic of the Niger votes in favour.

Annex X

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27 March 2020 on the beginning of the voting procedure on the draft resolution for the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (S/2020/2009) (S/2020/216).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic outlined in your letter of 27 March 2020, I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) **Vassily Nebenzia**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Annex XI

Letter dated 30 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to draft resolution submitted by the United States on the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (S/2020/2016).

In that respect, I wish to inform you that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Inga Rhonda **King**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations

Annex XII

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to your letter dated 27 March 2020 regarding the Security Council draft resolution on extending the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (S/2020/216).

The delegation of the Republic of South Africa votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Jerry Matthews **Matjila**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United
Nations

Annex XIII

Letter dated 28 March 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of China, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution on extending the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (S/2020/216), presented by the United States of America, I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) Tarek **Ladeb**
Ambassador

Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations

Annex XIV

Letter dated 30 March 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland votes in favour of draft resolution S/2020/216, on the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009).

(Signed) Jonathan **Allen**
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations

Annex XV

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On the draft resolution submitted by the United States of America with regard to the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (S/2020/216), the United States of America votes in favour.

(Signed) **Kelly Craft**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United

Annex XVI

Letter dated 30 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council relating to the draft resolution on the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009), submitted by the United States of America (S/2020/216).

In accordance with the understanding and procedure for the consideration of draft resolutions agreed upon by the members of the Security Council during the extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as reflected in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council, I would like to hereby inform you that Viet Nam has decided to vote in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution and does not intend to make any statement on this matter at this stage.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations