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Letter dated 4 June 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 2524 (2020), in connection with the item entitled “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” and adopted on 3 June 2020. Resolution 2524 (2020) was adopted 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 in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic.

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

- My letter dated 2 June 2020, addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council (see annex 1), putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/485 (see enclosure to annex 1);
- Letters received in reply from members of the Security Council indicating their national positions on the draft resolution (see annexes 2 to 16);
- Statements submitted subsequently by members of the Security Council providing their explanations of vote (see annexes 17 to 22).

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

(Signed) Nicolas **de Rivière**
President of the Security Council



Annex 1

Letter dated 2 June 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

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In accordance with the procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, and as reflected in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to all members of the Council (S/2020/253), I would like to draw your attention to the following:

The members of the Council have discussed a draft resolution, submitted by Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”. That draft resolution has been put in blue (S/2020/485, see enclosure).

With the understanding of the members of the Council, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, I hereby put the above-mentioned draft resolution to a vote. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period for that draft resolution will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 June 2020 and expire at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 June 2020.

Please submit 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 non-extendable 24-hour voting period set out above.

It is my intention to circulate a letter listing the outcome of the vote within three hours of the conclusion of the 24-hour voting period. I also intend to convene a video-conference of the Security Council to announce the outcome of the vote shortly after the conclusion of the voting period, on the morning of Thursday, 4 June 2020.

(Signed) **Nicolas de Rivière**
President of the Security Council

Enclosure

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Germany and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

The Security Council,

Reaffirming all its previous resolutions and presidential statements concerning the situation in Sudan,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, unity, independence, and territorial integrity of Sudan,

Welcoming the signing of the Constitutional Document on 17 August 2019 on the establishment of a new civilian-led transitional Government and transitional institutions, *further welcoming* the steps taken to date to implement the Constitutional Document and *calling upon* all stakeholders to remain committed to the transition in order for the aspirations of the Sudanese people for a peaceful, stable, democratic, and prosperous future to be realised, *reaffirming* its readiness to support Sudan in this regard and *commending* the vital role played by the African Union in supporting Sudan in its transition to democracy and good governance,

Welcoming the commitment in the Constitutional Document to achieve a fair and comprehensive peace in Sudan by addressing the root causes and the impact of conflict, *acknowledging* in this regard the progress made in the peace negotiations in Juba, *noting with appreciation* the role of the Government of South Sudan in supporting these negotiations, *urging* the parties to the conflict to engage constructively to swiftly reach a peace agreement, and *further urging* those who have not yet engaged in peace negotiations to do so immediately, without pre-conditions,

Welcoming the cessation of hostilities by many parties to the conflicts in Sudan, as well as their positive responses to the Secretary-General's appeal for a global ceasefire amid the COVID-19 pandemic,

Reaffirming the primary responsibility of the Government of Sudan to protect civilians across its territory and *recognising* improvements in security conditions in Darfur, *acknowledging* in this regard the Government of Sudan's National Plan for Civilian Protection (S/2020/429) and the weapons-collection programme, while *expressing concern* that the security situation in some regions of Darfur remains precarious, and underscoring the need to protect peacebuilding gains in Darfur, avoid a relapse into conflict and mitigate the risks for the population posed inter alia by threats against civilians in Darfur, inter-communal violence, human rights violations and abuses, violations of international humanitarian law and continued displacement,

Recognising the adverse effects of climate change, ecological changes and natural disasters, among other factors, on the stability of Sudan, particularly Darfur, and *stressing* the need for adequate risk assessment and risk management strategies by the Government of Sudan and the United Nations relating to these factors to support stabilisation and build resilience,

Welcoming the decisions of the Government of Sudan to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and create more favourable conditions for humanitarian actors and *encouraging* the full implementation of these decisions in order to ensure rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access throughout Sudan, in accordance with relevant provisions of international law and in line with United Nations guiding principles of humanitarian assistance, including humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and independence

Stressing the need for the Government of Sudan to ensure accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and *welcoming* the provisions of the Constitutional Document on transitional justice and accountability measures in this regard,

Stressing the primary responsibility of the Government of Sudan to address the longstanding drivers of instability and inequality in Sudan, and to engage with other stakeholders, including civil society, women, youth, and internally displaced persons, refugees and members of marginalised communities to deliver durable solutions to Sudan's immediate and long-term issues, including through inclusive economic growth and sustainable development, social cohesion, and disaster resilience, in line with the priorities of the Constitutional Document,

Recognizing the important role that women played in the peaceful political transition in Sudan, *welcoming* the steps taken to increase the role of women in public life, government institutions and decision-making processes, *further welcoming* the decision to criminalise female genital mutilation (FGM) in Sudan and *encouraging* the completion of all necessary administrative steps in this regard, *acknowledging* the Government of Sudan's efforts to develop a National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, and *encouraging* its completion and full implementation, *calling upon* the Government of Sudan to take further steps to promote and protect women's rights and full, equal and meaningful participation in all social, political, economic aspects of life, including by repealing all laws that discriminate against women and girls and by meeting the 40% quota for women's participation in the Transitional Legislative Council, *recognising* the disproportionate impact of conflict on women and girls and *calling upon* the Government of Sudan to ensure women's full, equal and meaningful participation in peace processes, implementation of future peace agreements, conflict prevention and decision making- and reform processes related to peace and security,

Underlining the importance of integrating child protection issues in Sudan's peace processes and *calling* on the parties to the conflict to integrate child protection provisions, including those relating to the release and reintegration of children formerly associated with armed forces or armed groups, as well as provisions on the rights and well-being of children, into all peace negotiations, ceasefire and peace agreements, and in provisions for ceasefire monitoring and taking into account children's views, where possible, in these processes,

Emphasizing the importance of national ownership, inclusivity, and the role that civil society can play to advance national peacebuilding processes and objectives in order to ensure that the needs of all stakeholders are taken into account,

Expressing grave concern about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Sudan and *recognising* that this presents a profound challenge to Sudan's health

system, socio-economic and humanitarian situation and populations that have already been exhausted by protracted conflict, and *emphasising* the importance of international support — financially, technically and in-kind — to the COVID-19 response in Sudan,

Underlining the importance of the partnership between the United Nations and the African Union in Sudan,

Taking note of the Special Report of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations (S/2020/202),

Taking note of the of the African Union Peace and Security Council's Communiqué of 3 March 2020 (PSC/PR/COMM.(CMXIII)) and 27 May 2020 (PS/PR/COMM.(CMXXVII)),

Taking note of the letter by the Government of Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations 27 February 2020 on future United Nations support to Sudan (S/2020/221),

1. *Decides* to establish a United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS) upon the adoption of this resolution and for an initial period of 12 months;

2. *Further decides* that UNITAMS, as part of an integrated and unified United Nations structure, shall, in full accordance with the principles of national ownership, have the following strategic objectives:

(i) Assist the political transition, progress towards democratic governance, in the protection and promotion of human rights, and sustainable peace

a. Assist, through good offices, the Sudanese transition, including national efforts to realise the objectives of the Constitutional Document;

b. Provide technical assistance to the constitution drafting process, the population census, preparations for elections, in support of national efforts;

c. Support the implementation of the human rights, equality, accountability and rule of law provisions of the Constitutional Document, in particular those provisions that guarantee women's rights, and future peace agreements, including through close cooperation with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Country Office in Sudan;

(ii) Support peace processes and implementation of future peace agreements

d. Provide good offices and support to the Sudanese peace negotiations, including supporting the meaningful participation of civil society, women, youth, refugees and IDPs and members of marginalised groups;

e. Provide, if so requested by the parties to the negotiations, scalable support to the implementation of any future peace agreements, including support to accountability and transitional justice, including for acts of sexual and gender-based violence, to disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR), including transitional weapons and ammunition management, and taking into account the different needs, experiences, and safety of female and male ex-combatants, including children, as well as the monitoring and verification of possible ceasefires with particular focus on Blue Nile and South Kordofan (the Two Areas) and Darfur;

(iii) Assist peacebuilding, civilian protection and rule of law, in particular in Darfur and the Two Areas

a. Support Sudanese-led peacebuilding, in particular conflict prevention, mitigation and reconciliation, community violence reduction with a particular

focus on inter-communal conflict, mine action, collection of small arms and light weapons consistent with international standards, and durable solutions for IDPs and refugees, and their safe, voluntary and dignified return, reintegration and relocation with host populations as appropriate, including through integrated peacebuilding mechanisms in line with paragraph 7 of this resolution and political engagement at the local and state level;

b. Assist, advise and support the Government of Sudan's capacity to extend state presence and inclusive civilian governance, in particular through strengthening accountable rule of law and security sector institutions and building trust between state authorities and local communities, including through community-policing initiatives, or other methods of unarmed civilian protection, and providing advisory and capacity building support for security authorities, in particular the Sudanese Police Force (SPF), including through United Nations advisers;

c. Assist, advise and support the Government of Sudan to establish a secure and stable environment within which any future peace agreement can be implemented, by providing effective support to national and local authorities on civilian protection, in particular IDPs, in the conflict-affected areas, supporting the Government of Sudan in implementing the National Plan for Civilian Protection (S/2020/429) and developing measurable benchmarks, and through deploying mobile monitoring teams, facilitating local crisis mediation, early warning mechanisms, including Women Protection networks, communications and outreach strategies with affected populations;

d. Support the strengthening of the protection of human rights, in particular in conflict affected areas, including by supporting protection for women and for children from all forms of sexual and gender-based violence and other violations and abuses, through monitoring and reporting of violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and refugee law, implementation of the Framework of Cooperation between the United Nations and the Government of Sudan on conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV), support to the development and implementation of action plans and a national prevention plan on violations and abuses against children, through women and child protection advisers and supporting the provision of medical, psychosocial, legal and socioeconomic services to all survivors of sexual violence;

(iv) Support the mobilisation of economic and development assistance and coordination of humanitarian assistance

a. Collaborate with the international financial institutions, to support the mobilisation of international economic and development assistance;

b. Support and facilitate, in close cooperation with humanitarian actors, full, rapid, safe and unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance and its coordination, in accordance with the relevant provisions of international law and in line with humanitarian principles;

c. Ensure effective and integrated cooperation of United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and promote cooperation with relevant partners, including the international financial institutions and donors, in carrying out, as relevant, the strategic objectives of UNITAMS, with a view to making maximum use of existing and forthcoming bilateral and multilateral assistance in Sudan, including in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint expeditiously a Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Sudan and Head of Mission of UNITAMS, who shall assume overall authority and provide strategic direction for all activities of UNITAMS and the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes in Sudan and who shall perform a good offices, advisory and advocacy role at the political level and coordinate efforts of the international community in support of the strategic objectives of the UNITAMS mandate;

4. *Decides* that a Deputy Special Representative should be appointed to support the SRSG and serve as United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator and *further decides* that the cooperation between UNITAMS and its integrated United Nations Country Team (UNCT) partners shall be underpinned by an Integrated Strategic Framework or equivalent;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to swiftly initiate the planning for and establishment of UNITAMS, with a view to reaching full operational capacity as soon as possible and in order to ensure the mission is able to start delivering against all its strategic objectives no later than 1 January 2021, and *further requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Security Council, for its information, with a suggested structure and geographical deployment, within 60 days of the adoption of this resolution;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in partnership with all relevant actors, including International Financial Institutions, to support the Government of Sudan in conducting a comprehensive assessment to define the country's longer term conflict prevention, recovery and peacebuilding needs and in developing relevant strategies to address these needs;

7. *Requests* UNITAMS and its integrated UNCT partners to establish an appropriate mechanism for joint and coordinated peacebuilding support, based on lessons learned from the State Liaison Functions (SLFs) established under the mandate of UNAMID, *recognising* that they function as an innovative tool to deliver integrated and coordinated peacebuilding support, and *further requests* that these mechanisms established by UNITAMS and its integrated UNCT partners be located in Darfur, including in Jebel Marra, based on a partnership between UNITAMS and UNAMID, and also to be established by UNITAMS in the Two Areas consistent with UNITAMS' relevant strategic objectives outlined in paragraph 2 of this resolution and the Integrated Strategic Framework;

8. *Requests* that UNITAMS integrates gender considerations as a cross-cutting issue throughout its mandate and assists the Government of Sudan in ensuring the full, equal and meaningful participation of women at all levels of peace and political processes, and in all social and economic aspects of life, and *reaffirms* the importance of gender expertise, including the deployment of gender and women protection advisors, gender analysis, including the collection and use of sex- and age-disaggregated data, and capacity-strengthening in executing the mission mandate in a gender-responsive manner, and *requests* the Secretary-General to include gender analysis in the reports requested in paragraph 16 of this resolution;

9. *Requests* UNITAMS to ensure that any support provided to non-United Nations security forces is provided in strict compliance with the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy on United Nations support to non-United Nations security forces;

10. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Secretary-General to enforce strictly his zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), *requests* the Secretary-General to continue to implement a zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment, *further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure full compliance of all UNITAMS personnel with this policy and approach, *stresses* the

need to prevent such exploitation and abuse and to improve how these allegations are addressed in line with resolution 2272 (2016), *urges* all member states who contribute uniformed personnel to take appropriate preventative action, including vetting of all personnel, pre-deployment and in-mission awareness training, and ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel, including timely investigations and holding perpetrators to account and *further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Council fully informed about the mission's progress in this regard;

11. *Requests* UNITAMS to cooperate with the Panel of Experts on the Sudan established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) in order to facilitate the Panel's work;

12. *Urges* close coordination among United Nations missions in the region, including the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), and in particular with the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA), and also the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) and the Special Envoy of Secretary-General for the Horn of Africa, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure effective inter-mission cooperation;

13. *Underlines* that a continued strategic and political partnership between the United Nations and the African Union in Sudan remains critical, including through UNAMID, *supports* the African Union Peace and Security Council's call for the Government of Sudan to urgently identify areas in which the African Union could provide additional assistance and *encourages* UNITAMS, UNAMID and the African Union to ensure coherence, coordination and complementarity of their support Sudan, including through a United Nations-African Union senior level coordination mechanism;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue transition planning and management in accordance with the established policies, directives and best practices in order to ensure that the eventual transition to UNITAMS from UNAMID is phased, sequenced and efficient, and *further requests*, in this regard, that UNITAMS and UNAMID establish a coordination mechanism to determine the modalities and timelines for the transition of responsibilities where the two missions have common strategic objectives and priorities in Darfur and in order to ensure close coordination and cooperation, information and analysis sharing, to maximise synergies, leverage resources and prevent the duplication of efforts;

15. *Underscores* that the modalities and timeline for the transition of responsibility to UNITAMS from UNAMID of responsibility for unarmed civilian protection activities, such as those outlined in strategic objective 2(iii), to UNITAMS from UNAMID will be determined by the UNITAMS-UNAMID transition coordination mechanism, as appropriate and in line with paragraph 14 of this resolution;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council every 90 days on the implementation of the UNITAMS mandate and on clear and measurable core and contextual benchmarks and indicators, to be provided to the Security Council in the first 90 day report, to track UNITAMS' progress against its strategic objectives and to enable early planning for a future reconfiguration of the United Nations presence in Sudan;

17. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Annex 2**Letter dated 3 June from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the letter from the President of the Security Council of 2 June relating to the draft resolution on the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (S/2020/485).

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

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

Annex 3

Letter dated 3 June from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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

Please be kindly informed that China votes in favour of the draft resolution, submitted by Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the establishment of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (S/2020/485).

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations

Annex 4**Letter dated 2 June 2020 from the Special Envoy to the Security Council of the Dominican Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to your letter dated 2 June 2020, regarding draft resolution S/2020/485, on the establishment of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan.

Upon instructions from my Government, the delegation of the Dominican Republic votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) José Singer Weisinger

Ambassador

Special Envoy to the Security Council of the Dominican Republic

Annex 5

Letter dated 3 June 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, Sir, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, that my delegation votes in favour of the draft resolution on the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (S/2020/485).

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

Annex 6**Letter dated 3 June 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 2 June 2020 from the President of the Security Council, calling on the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolution, submitted by Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the establishment and mandate of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan, put in blue under the symbol S/2020/485. France votes in favour.

(Signed) **Nicolas de Rivière**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

Annex 7

Letter dated 3 June 2020 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

It is my honour to write to you, Sir, in response to your letter dated 2 June 2020, initiating a written voting procedure, in line with the agreement reached among members of the Security Council.

The vote of the Federal Republic of Germany on the draft resolution submitted by Germany and the United Kingdom on the mandate of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan, as contained in document S/2020/485, is as follows.

The Federal Republic of Germany votes in favour of the above-mentioned resolution.

(Signed) Juergen **Schulz**

Ambassador

Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations

Annex 8**Letter dated 2 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing in reference to the letter by the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council, dated 2 June 2020, regarding the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” (S/2020/485).

I hereby indicate that Indonesia votes in favour of said resolution.

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

Annex 9

Letter dated 2 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in response to the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 2 June 2020, calling on the members of the Security Council to express their votes on the draft resolution presented by Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” (S/2020/485).

In accordance with the agreed provisional procedures for the adoption of resolutions during the coronavirus disease pandemic restrictions, I have the honour to indicate that the Republic of the Niger decides to vote in favour of said draft resolution.

(Signed) Abdou **Abarry**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations

Annex 10**Letter dated 3 June 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, Sir, to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 June 2020, on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item "Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan" (S/2020/485).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/485.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Annex 11

Letter dated 3 June 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 the draft resolution (S/2020/485) submitted by Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

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
Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
to the United Nations

Annex 12**Letter dated 3 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer, Sir, to your letter dated 2 June 2020, regarding the draft Security Council resolution establishing the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan, contained in document S/2020/485.

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

(Signed) Jerry Matthews **Matjila**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations

Annex 13

Letter dated 3 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the letter dated 2 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of France, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution submitted by Germany and the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”, contained in document S/2020/485, I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of that draft resolution.

(Signed) Kais **Kabtani**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

Annex 14**Letter dated 3 June 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires 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 from the President of the Security Council of 2 June 2020, the United Kingdom votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2020/485) in connection with the agenda item "Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan".

(Signed) Jonathan **Allen**

Ambassador

Chargé d'affaires of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
Ireland to the United Nations

Annex 15

Letter dated 3 June 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 Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” (S/2020/485), the United States of America votes in favour.

(Signed) **Kelly Craft**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the United States of America
to the United Nations

Annex 16**Letter dated 3 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In reference to the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 2 June 2020 relating to the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”, submitted by Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as contained in document S/2020/485;

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 coronavirus disease pandemic, as reflected in the letter dated 7 May 2020 by the President of the Security Council on the working methods of the Council for the month of May;

I would like hereby to inform you, Sir, 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
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations

Annex 17**Statement by the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations, Sven Jürgenson**

Today we are celebrating the establishment of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS). At the outset, we would like to welcome the fact that the Sudan reached out to the United Nations for support during its historic transition. We also welcome the fact that the Sudan has stayed engaged throughout the process of deciding the configuration of the Mission. We hope that this will mark the beginning of a new chapter in the relations between the United Nations and the Sudan, with closer and better cooperation than ever before towards the common goal of providing a brighter future for the people of the Sudan.

The Security Council had the immense responsibility of designing a mandate that would best help to support the Sudan. We were committed to designing a special political mission that would fully take advantage of what the United Nations has to offer to the Sudan and its people. Therefore, the mandate of UNITAMS offers the Sudan comprehensive support on a broad range of priorities. This includes but is not limited to helping the Sudan with the implementation of the Constitutional Document; helping to achieve peace; helping to build up human rights capacity; and helping to build capacity for civilian protection, as well as helping with economic recovery. The purpose of UNITAMS is to assist the Sudanese authorities during this historic transition, and the whole setup of the Mission is to provide any kind of support to the Sudan that it might need along the way.

It is clear that the Sudan's goals of establishing democracy, bringing peace to the country and creating prosperity for the Sudanese people are very ambitious. It is all the more important, therefore, that the international community, including the United Nations, the African Union and the European Union, stand firmly behind the Sudan to help to achieve them. We hope that despite the coronavirus disease pandemic, UNITAMS can be operational as soon as possible so that it can start supporting the Sudan without delay.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the co-penholders, the United Kingdom and Germany, for having skilfully and collaboratively facilitated the negotiations that produced the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/485, which the Security Council is adopting today. Let this be a clear sign that the Security Council is committed to helping the Sudan during its historic transition.

Estonia fully supports the Sudan and the Sudanese people as they pave the way towards a better future.

Annex 18**Statement by the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations, Nicolas de Rivière**

[Original: French]

I refer to our letter of 2 June 2020 calling on the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the creation and mandate of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS), put in blue under the symbol S/2020/485.

I would like to present the following explanation of vote.

France welcomes the creation of this new political mission, which will enable the United Nations to accompany and support the Sudanese transition in achieving its main objectives: the building of the rule of law, the peace process and the implementation of future peace agreements, the consolidation of peace in Darfur and in the Two Areas and the mobilization of development aid and humanitarian assistance.

France encourages the United Nations and the Sudanese authorities to fully implement this mandate, in particular with regard to the promotion and monitoring of human rights, as well as the strengthening of the capacities of the Sudanese security forces through the deployment of United Nations advisers. It is essential, as the Council prepares to take a decision on the withdrawal of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, that the mandate of UNITAMS in these two areas be quickly implemented.

Finally, France reiterates its full support for the transitional authorities and welcomes their efforts to build a democratic, inclusive, peaceful and prosperous Sudan. We call on all armed groups to join the peace process unconditionally, and we encourage all parties to continue negotiations in order to build an inclusive and lasting peace in Darfur and the Two Areas.

Annex 19

Statement by the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations

Today is a good day for the Security Council. We have collectively answered the call of the Sudan to support its political transition from an authoritarian regime to an inclusive and representative Government.

But, more importantly, we hope that this day marks the beginning of even stronger and more coherent support by the United Nations for the Sudan's transition — support that delivers concrete benefits and that helps to fulfil the aspirations of the Sudanese people to a peaceful, stable, democratic and prosperous future.

The new United Nations Mission that the Security Council has established today offers a broad support package, based on the requests of the Government of the Sudan. The United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS) will work on four strategic objectives: first, political transition, democratic governance and the protection and promotion of human rights; secondly, peace processes and the implementation of future peace agreements; thirdly, peacebuilding, civilian protection and the rule of law, in particular in Darfur and the Two Areas; and, fourthly, the mobilization of economic and development assistance and the coordination of humanitarian assistance.

Let us be realistic — all of those tasks are enormous, and the United Nations Mission cannot deliver on those objectives alone. This is an assistance Mission. The Sudanese Government and all Sudanese stakeholders need to work together, and the United Nations will and should be there to support, advise and assist.

There are some areas in which we need a broader international support package. That is true in the area of economic recovery and development, and that is why Germany is partnering with the Sudan, the European Union and the United Nations to host a virtual high-level partnership conference on 25 June from Berlin. With this conference we want to send a strong signal of joint support to a successful democratic transition. In addition, we aim to mobilize financial resources from international partners to assist the urgently required reform process in the Sudan.

And let us also be frank about another area in which the Mission has to work in close coordination and complementarity with others: that is the area of peacebuilding, strengthening accountability and rule-of-law institutions and protecting human rights, especially in the conflict-affected regions of the Sudan. UNITAMS has a clear mandate for those tasks. But it is not a peacekeeping operation. And as much as Germany supports a transition from peacekeeping to peacebuilding, there are still concerns about the protection of civilians in Darfur that merit a peacekeeping response. That is why it is important that the Council has also extended the mandate of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) until the end of the year and has asked the United Nations and the African Union to provide the Council with an analysis of the situation on the ground before any decision on the future of UNAMID is made.

Today is also a good day because it ushers in a new era of partnership — a partnership between the new Sudan and the Security Council that should be built on trust and not on confrontation, as was sometimes the case with the former regime. We value the open and frank discussion with our partners in the Sudan about this new mandate.

Partnership is also relevant when it comes to the role of the African Union. Germany very much welcomes the intention of the African Union to continue to accompany the Sudan on its path of political transition.

We would like to thank all partners in the Council for their support during these negotiations, which have led to the unanimous adoption of resolutions 2524 (2020) and 2525 (2020). It would be remiss of me not to thank our British co-penholders for their really outstanding collaboration throughout the long months of preparing this mandate, with special thanks to the United Kingdom team here in New York.

Annex 20**Statement by the Chargé d'affaires of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations, Jonathan Allen**

I have the honour to submit the United Kingdom's combined explanation of vote following the adoption of resolution 2524 (2020), on the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS), and resolution 2525 (2020), on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID).

The United Kingdom welcomes the adoption of resolution 2524 (2020) and resolution 2525 (2020).

The establishment of UNITAMS marks the opening of a new chapter in the Sudan's relationship with the United Nations, the Security Council and the broader international community. Through the adoption of resolution 2524 (2020), the Security Council has responded directly to the Government of the Sudan's request for support. UNITAMS will support the Sudan in a broad range of priorities for the transitional period, from the implementation of the Constitutional Document to the peace process, peacebuilding and the promotion and protection of human rights.

In seeking this support from the United Nations, the Government of the Sudan has demonstrated its commitment to realizing the aspirations of the Sudanese people to a more stable, peaceful, democratic and prosperous future.

The African Union's role will continue to be critical. We welcome its partnership and its strong commitment to providing continued support to the political transition in the Sudan. The United Kingdom calls upon the Government of the Sudan and all Sudanese stakeholders to seize the opportunity created by this new chapter in order to make the aspirations of the Sudanese people a reality. Success will ultimately be achieved through an unwavering commitment from the Government and all Sudanese stakeholders.

The Security Council has made the responsible decision to extend the presence of UNAMID until 31 December 2020 through the adoption of resolution 2525 (2020). The extension of UNAMID was necessary in the light of the challenges faced by the Sudan, along with the wider international community, from the coronavirus disease pandemic.

We commend the Government of the Sudan's commitment to assuming full responsibility for the protection of civilians. The ongoing peace process offers the best chance for sustainable peace in the history of the Darfur conflict. However, at present challenges remain in Darfur, and civilians remain particularly vulnerable. Therefore, while the Government builds its own capacity to protect civilians and while the peace process is ongoing, UNAMID will continue to be mandated to protect civilians in Darfur.

The United Kingdom thanks our co-penholder for these two resolutions, Germany, for its tireless work and professionalism. The United Kingdom would also like to express its sincere thanks to the other members of the Security Council for their constructive engagement throughout these negotiations.

Last year the people of the Sudan made their stand for freedom and for a better future. The United Kingdom stood with them then, and we stand with them now in partnership as we adopt this historic resolution and as a new chapter opens in the Sudan's relationship with the United Nations and the international community.

Annex 21**Statement by the Permanent Mission of the United States of America**

The United States thanks Germany and the United Kingdom for their leadership in heading the negotiations on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) and the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS) under difficult circumstances.

Today marks a new day for the Sudan and the international community. With the establishment of UNITAMS, the Council stands shoulder to shoulder with the people of the Sudan, who, just a little over a year ago, stood up to insist on their fundamental freedoms. We are confident that UNITAMS will provide valuable support to the Sudanese Government, and, most importantly, the Sudanese people in building the long-term peace and stability that they so richly deserve. Given the vital role that women continue to play in the Sudan's transition, we look forward in particular to the steps that UNITAMS will take to empower women to participate in political dialogue.

The United States also welcomes the extension of UNAMID until 31 December. The mandate reiterates that UNAMID's core task during this period is the protection of civilians. We expect UNAMID to continue to build the capacity of the Sudanese security agencies to protect civilians in Darfur in line with the Government's recently released protection-of-civilians plan. We look forward to learning more about the plan's implementation and seeing the Sudan fulfil its responsibilities in Darfur and throughout the country. We also expect that UNAMID and UNITAMS will maintain their political support for the Juba peace process.

With respect to the climate-change language in this document, we note that on 4 November 2019 the United States submitted its notification of withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. Therefore, the climate-change language is without prejudice to United States positions. We affirm our support for promoting economic growth and improving energy security while protecting the environment.

Beyond UNITAMS, the United States also wishes to note our concern at the proliferation of climate-change language in Security Council products, particularly those products that do not directly pertain to climate. We believe that those products should focus on the important work of maintaining international peace and security rather than attempting to catalogue every single factor or selectively focus on factors that may have an impact on this work.

Annex 22

Statement by the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations, Dang Dinh Quy

Viet Nam welcomes the recent positive developments in the Sudan. We especially commend the efforts of the Transitional Government in promoting peace, stability and development in the country and in responding to the coronavirus disease pandemic, as well as those of the United Nations, the African Union and the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur in supporting this process.

We are pleased to see that the security situation in the Sudan in general and in Darfur in particular has become largely stable. Given the potential complexities of the situation, we hope that the Security Council and the international community will remain united and supportive of the Sudan.

Viet Nam welcomes and affirms the establishment of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS) as necessary and well founded. The establishment of a United Nations political mission under Chapter VI of the United Nations Charter, as compared with a peacekeeping mission — the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, under Chapter VII — is an encouraging turning point. We would like to stress that UNITAMS should operate in full respect of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Sudan and in close consultation with its Government.

Viet Nam counts on the continued cooperation of the African Union and the United Nations as well as their support for UNITAMS in fulfilling its mandate.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the co-penholders for their efforts and constructive engagement with Council members during the negotiations. We are very pleased that resolution 2524 (2020) has been adopted unanimously, which will send a positive message to the Government and the people of the Sudan.
