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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

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I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2525 (2020), in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”. Resolution 2525 (2020) was adopted on 3 June 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 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 members (see annex 1), putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/486 (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 subsequently submitted by members of the Security Council, providing their explanations of vote (see annexes 17 to 21).

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 during the current extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, and as set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the 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.

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

Please submit your vote (in favour, against or abstain) on the draft resolution, as well as your possible explanation of vote, by sending a letter signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the non-extendable 24-hour voting period set out above to the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division in the United Nations Secretariat (egian@un.org).

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-teleconference 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
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

Enclosure

United Nations

S/2020/486

**Security Council**Provisional
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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,

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,

Underscoring that it is imperative that the withdrawal of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) should take into account the progress made in the peace process, and *supporting* the African Union Peace and Security Council's call for extreme caution in the withdrawal of UNAMID,

Recognising the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on UNAMID's drawdown,

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)),

Determining that the situation in Darfur constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

Acting under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) as contained in resolution 2495 (2019) until

31 December 2020, and *further decides* that UNAMID shall maintain its current troop and police ceiling during this period;

2. *Expresses* its intention to decide by 31 December 2020, taking into account the findings of the Special Report requested in paragraph 11 of this resolution, courses of action regarding the responsible drawdown and exit of UNAMID in line with paragraph 1 of this resolution;

3. *Decides* that UNAMID's strategic priority shall be protection of civilians as set out in paragraph 3 (iii) of resolution 2495 (2019), to be implemented including by supporting the Government of Sudan's capacity to protect civilians, and by preserving the requisite capacity, particularly in Jebel Marra;

4. *Underscores* that UNAMID shall retain its responsibility for the protection of civilians in Darfur in line with paragraph 3 of this resolution and without prejudice to the primary responsibility of the Government of Sudan, and reiterates that the modalities and timeline for the transition of responsibility from UNAMID to the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS) for unarmed civilian protection activities, in line with UNITAMS strategic objectives, will be determined by the UNITAMS-UNAMID transition coordination mechanism, as appropriate and in line with paragraph 5 of this resolution;

5. *Reiterates* its request to 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 from UNAMID to UNITAMS is phased, sequenced and efficient, and *further reiterates* its requests, in this regard, that UNAMID and UNITAMS 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;

6. *Requests* UNAMID to ensure that team sites and assets are handed over in line with general United Nations practices and financial regulations, taking all practical steps and precautions to ensure the assets are safely transferred to the control of the designated entity, and *calls upon* UNAMID and the Government of Sudan to finalise swiftly a revised framework agreement which ensures the principle of civilian end-use and the security and physical integrity of the handed-over UNAMID team sites and assets that will not be used by UNITAMS and its integrated United Nations Country Team partners;

7. *Calls upon* the Government of Sudan to swiftly conclude its ongoing investigations into recent looting of previously handed-over UNAMID team sites, and *further calls upon* the Government of Sudan to continue to hold accountable individuals who participated in such looting incidents;

8. *Requests* UNAMID to provide support, within its mandate and capacities and existing resources, to Sudan in its efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, in particular to facilitate and support unhindered humanitarian access, including to internally displaced persons and refugee camps, *further requests* UNAMID, member states and the Government of Sudan to take all appropriate steps to protect the safety, security and health of all UNAMID personnel, in line with resolution 2518 (2020), including by allowing medical evacuations, while maintaining the continuity of operations, and to take further steps towards the provision of training for UNAMID personnel on issues related to preventing the spread of COVID-19;

9. *Welcomes* the initiatives undertaken by the Secretary-General to standardize a culture of performance in United Nations peacekeeping, *recalls* its

requests in resolution 2378 (2017) and resolution 2436 (2018) that the Secretary-General ensure that performance data related to the effectiveness of peacekeeping operations is used to improve mission operations, including decisions such as those regarding deployment, remediation, repatriation and incentives, *reaffirms* its support for the development of a comprehensive and integrated performance policy framework that identifies clear standards of performance for evaluating all United Nations civilian and uniformed personnel working in and supporting peacekeeping operations that facilitates effective and full implementation of mandates, and includes comprehensive and objective methodologies based on clear and well-defined benchmarks to ensure accountability for underperformance and incentives and recognition for outstanding performance, *calls on* the United Nations to apply this framework to UNAMID as described in resolution 2436 (2018), in particular by investigating and taking immediate action following significant performance failures to implement the protection of civilians strategy, to include the rotation, repatriation, replacement or dismissal of the under-performing UNAMID uniformed or civilian personnel, including mission leadership and mission support personnel, consistent with resolution 2436 (2018), and *notes* the efforts of the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive performance assessment system and *requests* the Secretary-General and the troop and police contributing countries to seek to increase the number of women in UNAMID, as well as to ensure the full, effective and meaningful participation of women in all aspects of operations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Security Council with an update on the implementation of UNAMID's mandate every 90 days as an annex to the regular reporting requested on UNITAMS;

11. *Request* the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to provide the Security Council with a Special Report no later than 31 October 2020, which includes an assessment of the situation on the ground, including the impact of the peace process on the security situation in Darfur, the capacity of the Government of Sudan, including the SPF, to protect civilians in line with the strategy outlined in the Government of Sudan's letter addressed to the President of the Security Council dated 21 May 2020 (S/2020/429), and recommendations on the appropriate course of action regarding the drawdown of UNAMID, taking into account the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

12. *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 dated 2 June from the President of the Security Council relating to the draft resolution on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2020/486).

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 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, Mr. President, and your team for the strong support in facilitating the voting procedure.

Please be kindly informed that China will vote in favour on the draft resolution (S/2020/486), submitted by Germany and the United Kingdom, regarding the withdrawal arrangements of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

(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/2020/486, on the extension of the mandate of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

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 United Nations Charter, that my delegation votes in favour of the draft resolution regarding the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2020/486).

(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, relating to the extension of the mandate of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, put in blue under the symbol S/2020/486. 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, Sir, to write to you 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 regarding the mandate of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, as contained in document S/2020/486, 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 dated 2 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” (S/2020/486).

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 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 under the item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” (S/2020/486).

In accordance with the agreed temporary procedures for the adoption of resolutions during the coronavirus disease pandemic restrictions, I have the honour to indicate that the Republic of the Niger votes 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/2020/486).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of resolutions of the Security Council being in place for the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in a letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you, Sir, that the Russian Federation votes in favour of the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/486.

(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/2020/486), 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 to your letter dated 2 June 2020, regarding the Security Council draft resolution on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, contained in document S/2020/486.

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 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 in document S/2020/486, I would like to inform you, Sir, 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 dated 2 June 2020 from the President of the Security Council, the United Kingdom votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2020/486) 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/2020/486), 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/2020/486;

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 to hereby inform you, Sir, that Viet Nam has decided to vote in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution and does not intend to make a statement 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**

I would like to begin by thanking the penholders, the United Kingdom and Germany, for facilitating the negotiations that produced the resolution the Security Council is adopting today (resolution 2525 (2020)). We would also like reiterate our support for the Sudan as it strives to lead a successful transition to democracy, bring peace to the country and oversee its economy's recovery. Additionally, we would like to express our solidarity with the Sudan as it fights the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

We welcome the extension of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) until the end of 2020, which was also recommended by the African Union Peace and Security Council. That was a logical step, for a combination of reasons.

First, we have heard both the calls from the ground and the expressions of fear that people have with respect to the withdrawal of UNAMID, and it is important to respond to them. The transition from UNAMID to the Sudan in terms of the protection of civilians should be smooth and gradual and it should not leave any security vacuums that would threaten civilian lives. In this regard, we welcome the Sudan's plan to provide protection for civilians, which was communicated to the Security Council last month. We hope that UNAMID and the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan will be seen as useful allies in building the capacities necessary to assume the full responsibility of protecting civilians.

Secondly, as we are approaching the end of UNAMID, it is crucially important that the withdrawal be done in a responsible manner, so as to ensure that any of the gains secured since the start of the Operation, in 2007, will not be lost.

Thirdly, there are certain realities, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the rainy season, that have to be taken into account when planning for the withdrawal of UNAMID.

Furthermore, as the realities evolve on the ground, we expect to take a decision on the future of UNAMID. We are looking forward to working with the transitional authorities of the Sudan on the future course of action.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks and support for UNAMID, which has been helping to bring peace and security to the people in Darfur.

Annex 18**Statement by the Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, Juergen Schulz**

Today is a good day for the Security Council. We have collectively answered the Sudan's call 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 helps to fulfil the aspirations of the Sudanese people for a peaceful, stable, democratic and prosperous future.

The new United Nations Mission that the Security Council has established today (resolution 2524 (2020)) offers a broad support package, based on the requests of the Government of the Sudan.

The United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS) will work to achieve four strategic objectives: political transition, democratic governance and protection, and promotion of human rights; peace processes and implementation of future peace agreements; peacebuilding, civilian protection and the rule of law, in particular in Darfur and the Two Areas; and mobilization of economic and development assistance and coordination of humanitarian assistance.

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

There are some areas where we will need to have a broader international support package. This is true in the area of economic recovery and development, which 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 for a successful democratic transition. In addition, we aim at mobilizing financial resources from international partners to assist the urgently required reform process in the Sudan.

Let us also be frank about some other areas where the Mission will have to work in close coordination and complementarity with others, namely, peacebuilding, strengthening accountability and rule of law institutions, and protecting human rights, especially in the conflict-affected regions of the Sudan. Although UNITAMS has a clear mandate for these tasks, it is not a peacekeeping operation, and as much as Germany supports a transition from peacekeeping to peacebuilding, concerns about the protection of civilians in Darfur, which merit a peacekeeping response, remain. This 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 this year (resolution 2525 (2020)) 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 partnerships — in particular a partnership between the new Sudan and the Security Council — which 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 assist the Sudan on its path of political transition.

We would like to thank all partners in the Council for their support during negotiations that have led to the unanimous adoption of the two resolutions. It would be remiss of me not to thank our fellow penholder, the United Kingdom, for the truly outstanding collaboration we had throughout the long months of preparing this mandate, and we offer a special thanks to the United Kingdom's team in New York.

Annex 19

Statement by the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations, Dian Triansyah Djani

Indonesia welcomes today's adoption of resolution 2525 (2020), on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID).

We commend both penholders' efforts in facilitating the negotiations and their commitment to championing consensus amid the challenging circumstances resulting from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Indonesia believes that a responsible drawdown of UNAMID is closely linked to the Sudan's overall journey towards peace and stability. With this in mind, Indonesia voted in favour of the resolution.

As UNAMID's drawdown has coincided with an unprecedented global pandemic, we need to adjust the drawdown plan to ensure that its execution is smooth and responsible. We welcome the new deadline and look forward to hearing the Secretary-General's assessment on progress in the drawdown.

In the meantime, UNAMID needs to continue to play its protection-of-civilian role in Darfur and support the Government of the Sudan in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. These efforts should be undertaken while ensuring the safety, security and health of all peacekeepers and workers serving under UNAMID.

Finally, Indonesia hopes that, with resolution 2525 (2020), the responsible drawdown of UNAMID will smoothen the Sudan's transition into a new chapter in its journey towards peace and prosperity.

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

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

The establishment of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (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 for a more stable, peaceful, democratic and prosperous future.

The African Union's role will continue to be critical. We welcome our partnership with it and the strong commitment it has made 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 to make the aspirations of the Sudanese people a reality. Success will ultimately be achieved through unwavering commitments from the Government and all Sudanese stakeholders.

The Security Council has made the responsible decision to extend the presence of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (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 and the wider international community that were brought about by 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 in the history of the Darfur conflict for sustainable peace. However, at present, challenges remain in Darfur, and civilians remain particularly vulnerable. Accordingly, while the Government builds its own capacity to protect civilians and the peace process remains ongoing, UNAMID will continue to be mandated to protect civilians in Darfur.

The United Kingdom thanks Germany, our fellow penholder on these two resolutions, 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 the 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 these historic resolutions and look to the opening of a new chapter 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 to the United Nations**

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

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

The United States also welcomes the extension of UNAMID to 31 December. The mandate reiterates that UNAMID's core task during this period is to protect civilians. We expect UNAMID to continue to build the capacity of 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 UNAMID and UNITAMS to maintain their political support for the Juba peace process

With respect to the climate-change language in resolution 2524 (2020), we note that on 4 November 2019, the United States submitted its notification of withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. The climate-change language is therefore 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 with the proliferation of climate-change language in Security Council products, particularly those products that do not directly pertain to climate. We believe that these products should focus on the important work of maintaining international peace and security rather than attempting to catalogue every single factor or selectively focusing on factors that may affect this work.
