Letter dated 27 August 2020 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), I have the honour to refer to resolution 1977 (2011), in which the Council decided that the Committee would conduct a comprehensive review on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), both after five years and prior to the renewal of its mandate, which is due to expire on 25 April 2021. In that connection and in accordance with the programme of work of the Committee (S/2020/120), as well as the modalities paper for the 2021 comprehensive review adopted by the Committee on 18 April 2019, the Committee was scheduled to hold open consultations with Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations and to submit a report to the Council on the comprehensive review by 31 December 2020.

Owing to delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic, and in order that States may plan accordingly, I have the further honour to inform you that the Committee has formally decided that all activities related to the review, including the open consultations, should be postponed until 2021, with the exception of the process currently under way of revising the Committee matrices and any other activities that can be undertaken in an online format. The Committee will inform Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations accordingly.

I would appreciate it if the present letter were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Dian Triansyah Djani
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