Letter dated 26 March 2021 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 inform you that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/287, which was submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item entitled “Non-proliferation/Democratic People’s Republic of Korea”. The voting was carried out in accordance with the procedure set out in the letter by the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council dated 27 March 2020 (S/2020/253), which was agreed upon in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Officer-in Charge of the Security Council Affairs Division has received letters from all 15 members of the Security Council indicating their national position on the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/287. The result of the vote is as follows:

In favour:
- China, Estonia, France, India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Niger, Norway, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Against:
- None.

Abstaining:
- None.

The draft resolution received 15 votes in favour. The resolution has been adopted as resolution 2569 (2021) of 26 March 2021. The resolution, which is set out in the annex to the present letter,* will be issued as a document of the Security Council without delay.

(Signed) Linda Thomas-Greenfield
President of the Security Council

* Circulated in the language of submission only.
Resolution 2569 (2021)

Adopted by the Security Council on 26 March 2021

The Security Council,


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 28 August 2020 interim report (S/2020/840) by the Panel of Experts appointed by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 26 of resolution 1874 (2009) and the 4 March 2021 final report (S/2021/211) by the Panel,


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), noting paragraph 11,

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 2022 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), 2397 (2017), 2407 (2018), 2464 (2019), and 2515 (2020), 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),
expresses its intent to review the mandate and take appropriate action regarding further extension no later than 25 March 2022, 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 2021 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 5 September 2022, and requests also a final report to the Committee no later than 28 January 2022 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 25 February 2022;

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. Underscores that the panel shall carry out credible, fact-based, independent assessments, analysis, and recommendations in an objective and impartial manner and in accordance with the mandate of the Panel of Experts, as specified in paragraph 26 of resolution 1874 (2009);

5. Further expresses its intent to continue to follow the work of the Panel;

6. 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);

7. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.