



## Security Council

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### Letter dated 12 November 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 10 November 2020 (see annex) from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by the Council in its resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 24 August 2020 ([S/AC.51/2020/6](#)).

(Signed) Inga Rhonda **King**  
President of the Security Council



**Annex****Letter dated 10 November 2020 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General**

During a closed videoconference held on 22 May 2020, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the fifth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Somalia ([S/2020/174](#)), which covers the period from 1 August 2016 to 30 September 2019 and was introduced by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. The Permanent Representative of Somalia to the United Nations also addressed the Working Group. On 24 August 2020, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Somalia ([S/AC.51/2020/6](#)).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions [1612 \(2005\)](#), [1882 \(2009\)](#), [1998 \(2011\)](#), [2068 \(2012\)](#), [2143 \(2014\)](#), [2225 \(2015\)](#) and [2427 \(2018\)](#), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, with the following:

(a) To request you to ensure the effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism in Somalia and of the child protection component of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, including by allocating sufficient dedicated child protection capacity to the component to, inter alia, monitor and report on violations and abuses committed against children and engage in dialogue with parties to armed conflict on action plans and their implementation, and to continue to include in your future reports information and analysis on children and armed conflict in Somalia, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions;

(b) Also to request you to ensure that the United Nations continues its advocacy for the release and reintegration of children associated with armed groups and armed forces and of children detained for their alleged association with armed groups;

(c) Further to request you to ensure that the United Nations country task force on monitoring and reporting prioritizes its efforts to ensure that the action plans and road map are fully implemented;

(d) To encourage continued cooperation of the United Nations with the African Union Mission in Somalia, in particular on the protection of children arrested and captured during military and security operations;

(e) To invite you to request the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and other relevant United Nations agencies, within their respective mandates, to continue to strengthen their efforts to support the Federal Government of Somalia and regional authorities in fighting impunity, implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child, establishing effective age verification mechanisms, mainstreaming the specific needs and protection of children affected by armed conflict into all disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes and security sector reforms and providing long-term rehabilitation and reintegration programmes to children.

*(Signed)* Philippe **Kridelka**

Chair

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict