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Letter dated 21 December 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 2558 (2020), in connection with the agenda item entitled “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace”, adopted on 21 December 2020. Resolution 2558 (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 related documents:

My letter dated 18 December 2020 addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council, putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/1246 (see enclosure to annex I);

Letters received in reply from the members of the Security Council indicating their national positions on the draft resolution (see annexes II to XVI).

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

(Signed) Jerry Matthews **Matjila**
President of the Security Council



Annex I**Letter dated 18 December 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council**

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, 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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, in connection with the agenda item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace”. That draft resolution has been put into blue (S/2020/1246, see enclosure).

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 10 a.m. on Friday, 18 December 2020 and expire at 10 a.m. on Monday, 21 December 2020.

Please submit your vote (in favour, against or abstention) on the draft resolution and possible explanation of vote by sending the Officer-in-charge of the Security Council Affairs Division of the Secretariat (sutterlin@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-teleconference of the Security Council to announce the outcome of the voting shortly after the conclusion of the voting period, on the afternoon of Monday, 21 December 2020.

(Signed) Jerry Matthews **Matjila**
President of the Security Council

Enclosure

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S/2020/1246

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: draft resolution*The Security Council,**Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,**Reaffirming* General Assembly and Security Council resolutions 70/262 and 2282 (2016) of 27 April 2016, as well as A/RES/60/180 and S/RES/1645 (2005) of 20 December 2005, A/RES/65/7 and S/RES/1947 (2010) of 29 October 2010, and A/RES/72/276 and S/RES/2413 (2018) of 26 April 2018, and recalling statements of the President of the Security Council of 28 July 2016, 21 December 2017, and 18 December 2018,*Reaffirming* that development, peace and security, and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,*Reaffirming* that ‘sustaining peace’ should be broadly understood as a goal and a process to build a common vision of a society, ensuring that the needs of all segments of the population are taken into account, which encompasses activities aimed at preventing the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of conflict, addressing root causes, assisting parties to conflict to end hostilities, ensuring national reconciliation, and moving towards recovery, reconstruction and development, and emphasizing that sustaining peace is a shared task and responsibility that needs to be fulfilled by the government and all other national stakeholders, and should flow through all three pillars of the United Nations’ engagement at all stages of conflict, and in all its dimensions, and needs sustained international attention and assistance,*Reaffirming* the primary responsibility of national Governments and authorities in identifying, driving and directing priorities, strategies and activities for peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and in this regard, emphasizing that inclusivity is key to advancing national peacebuilding processes and objectives in order to ensure that the needs of all segments of society are taken into account,*Noting* that this year marks the twentieth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, and the fifth anniversaries of Security Council resolution 2250 (2015) on Youth, peace and security, and recognising the importance of the full, equal and meaningful participation of women and youth in peacebuilding, recalling further the fifth anniversary of the General Assembly resolution, A/RES/70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

Expressing grave concern about the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across the world, especially in conflict-affected countries, and stressing the need for full implementation of Security Council resolution 2532 (2020) and noting the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution A/RES/74/306 in this regard, further noting that 2020 inaugurates the decade of action on the SDGs, recognizing that progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and all its goals and targets could be hampered, and peacebuilding and development gains reversed, and emphasizing the need to integrate peacebuilding and sustaining peace into efforts to build back better,

Welcoming the presentation of the report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding and sustaining peace,¹ and the valuable inputs for the 2020 review of the peacebuilding architecture of the Peacebuilding Commission through its letter dated 2 July 2020, of the group of Independent Eminent Persons through its letters dated 6 July 2020, and noting input from thematic and regional consultations, and *encouraging* relevant United Nations bodies and organs including the Peacebuilding Commission to consider the inputs further,

1. *Welcomes the progress* made in the implementation of the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace by Member States, including through the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations, and by the entire United Nations system, including through the reforms of the United Nations, and in particular at the field level through the work of peacekeeping operations, special political missions and UN country teams, and the important work of the Peacebuilding Fund, and *encourages* Member States and the entire United Nations system, in partnership with relevant stakeholders, including regional and sub-regional organizations, international financial institutions, civil society organizations, local peacebuilding stakeholders and, where relevant, the private sector, to continue to take action to implement the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and to advance efforts to bring greater coherence to peacebuilding efforts, in support of national peacebuilding priorities, and in particular in conflict-affected countries;

2. *Welcomes in particular* the important role of the Peacebuilding Commission, and calls on the Commission to continue strengthening its advisory, bridging and convening roles in support of nationally-owned priorities and efforts in the countries and regions under its consideration, as well as to continue strengthening its working methods to enhance its efficiency and impact in support of peacebuilding and sustaining peace;

3. *Reaffirms* that effective peacebuilding must involve the entire United Nations system, and in this regard, emphasizes the importance of joint analysis and effective strategic planning in its long-term engagement in conflict-affected countries;

4. *Notes* that peacebuilding financing remains a critical challenge, and therefore *takes note* of the General Assembly decision to convene a high-level meeting in the seventy-sixth session to advance, explore and consider options for ensuring adequate, predictable and sustained financing for peacebuilding, and to invite, starting in the seventy-fifth session, the relevant United Nations bodies and organs, including the Peacebuilding Commission, in accordance with respective mandates, to present inputs in advance for Member States' consideration and discussion at this meeting, and to affirm a commitment to pursuing action-oriented outcomes;

5. *Calls* for a further comprehensive review of United Nations peacebuilding in 2025, and requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly and the Security Council an interim report in 2022 and a second, detailed report in 2024

1 A/74/976-S/2020/773.

in advance of the review, and also requests the Secretary-General to continue to present a report every two years following that review, on continued implementation of the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, with due attention to the impact of relevant reforms on the performance of the United Nations system in advancing the implementation of the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and with emphasis on the systematic impact made at the field level, for the consideration of Member States;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

Annex II

Letter dated 18 December 2020 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 dated 18 December in connection with the agenda item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace” and relating to the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/1246.

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of draft resolutions under the current extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, I am pleased to indicate that Belgium votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) Philippe **Kridelka**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations

Annex III**Letter dated 18 December from the Chargé d'affaires of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

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

Please be kindly informed that China will vote in favour of the draft resolution (S/2020/1246) submitted by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

(Signed) **Dai Bing**
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires of China to the United Nations

Annex IV

Letter dated 18 December 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 18 December 2020 regarding the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/1246, under the agenda item entitled “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace”.

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 V**Letter dated 18 December 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, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, that my delegation votes in favour of the draft resolution submitted by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in connection with the agenda item entitled “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace“, contained in document S/2020/1246.

(Signed) **Sven Jürgenson**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations

Annex VI

Letter dated 18 December 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: French]

I refer to the letter dated 18 December 2020 calling on the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines under the agenda item entitled “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace”, put into blue under the symbol S/2020/1246. France votes in favour.

(Signed) Nathalie **Broadhurst**
Ambassador

Chargé d'affaires a.i. of France to the United Nations

Annex VII**Letter dated 18 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

It is my honour to write to you in response to your letter dated 18 December 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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in connection with the agenda item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace”, as contained in document S/2020/1246, is as follows.

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

(Signed) Christoph **Heusgen**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations

Annex VIII

Letter dated 18 December 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 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council, dated 18 December 2020, regarding the draft resolution under the agenda item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace” (S/2020/1246).

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

(Signed) Dian Triansyah **Djani**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations

Annex IX**Letter dated 18 December 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. 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 18 December 2020 calling on the members of the Security Council to express their votes on the draft resolution (S/2020/1246)) submitted by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines under the item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace”.

In accordance with the agreed temporary procedures for the adoption of draft 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) Niandou **Aougui**

Minister Counsellor

Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Niger to the United Nations

Annex X

Letter dated 18 December 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18 December 2020 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item "Peacebuilding and sustaining peace" (S/2020/1246).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft 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 draft resolution S/2020/1246.

(Signed) Dmitry Polyanskiy

Ambassador

Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Annex XI**Letter dated 18 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations**

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2020/1246) submitted by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in connection with the agenda item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace”.

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 XII

Letter dated 18 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the letter dated 18 December 2020 regarding the Security Council draft resolution submitted by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in connection with the agenda item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace”, contained in document S/2020/1246.

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 XIII**Letter dated 18 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Further to the letter dated 18 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution submitted by Ms. Inga Rhonda King, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, in connection with the agenda item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace”, as contained in document (S/2020/1246), I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of that draft resolution.

(Signed) Tarek **Ladeb**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

Annex XIV

Letter dated 18 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative 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 18 December 2020 from the President of the Security Council, the United Kingdom votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2020/1246) submitted by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in connection with the agenda item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace”.

(Signed) Barbara **Woodward**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland to the United Nations

Annex XV**Letter dated 18 December 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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in connection with the agenda item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace” (S/2020/1246), 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 XVI

Letter dated 18 December 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 18 December 2020 relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace” as contained in document S/2020/1246, I would like to hereby inform you that Viet Nam votes in favour of said draft resolution.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations
