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Letter dated 31 March 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 [2516 \(2020\)](#), in connection with the item entitled “The situation in Somalia”. The resolution was adopted on 30 March 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 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Pursuant to that procedure, I enclose herewith copies of the following documents:

- My letter dated 27 March 2020, addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council (see annex I), putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document [S/2020/218](#) (see enclosure to annex I)
- Letters received in reply from 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) **Zhang Jun**
President of the Security Council



Annex I

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

According to the understanding and procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council during the current extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and as reflected in my letter dated 27 March 2020, I would like to draw your attention to the following issue:

The members of the Council discussed and reached consensus on the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom for the extension of the mandate of UNSOM. The draft resolution has been put in blue ([S/2020/218](#), see enclosure).

With the understanding of the members of the Council, in my capacity as President of the Council, I shall put the above-mentioned draft resolution to a vote now.

Please kindly provide your vote (in favour, against or abstention) on that draft resolution and possible explanation of vote by sending the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division of the Secretariat (egian@un.org) a letter signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the next non-extendable 24 hours, then the process will proceed accordingly as agreed.

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
President of the Security Council
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China
to the United Nations

Enclosure

United Nations

S/2020/218

**Security Council**Provisional
19 March 2020

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**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
draft resolution**

The Security Council,

Reaffirming all its previous resolutions, presidential statements and press statements concerning the situation in Somalia, and *underlining* the importance of full compliance with and implementation of these,

Reaffirming its respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence, and unity of Somalia,

Emphasising the essential role of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) in supporting the Federal Government of Somalia and its Federal Member States through the provision of strategic advice and good offices, capacity building and the coordination of international partners' support, and *underscoring* that this mandate is complementary to the mandates of AMISOM, the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS), and the United Nations Country Team in Somalia, and the support provided by the African Union and international partners,

1. *Decides* to extend until 30 June 2020 the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) as set out in paragraph 1 of resolution 2158 (2014), and *further decides* that UNSOM should continue to implement that mandate in accordance with resolution 2461 (2019);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to keep the Security Council regularly informed on the implementation of this resolution, including through oral updates and written reports every 90 days as set out in resolution 2461(2019), with the next report due by 15 May 2020, on the situation on the ground and progress towards achieving key political benchmarks;

3. *Decides* to remain seized of this matter.

Annex II

Letter dated 27 March 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 of 27 March 2020, relating to the draft resolution on the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia ([S/2020/218](#)).

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of resolution under the current extraordinary circumstance by the COVID-19 pandemic, I am pleased to indicate that Belgium votes in favour of this 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 III

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Please be kindly informed that, China will vote in favour of the draft resolution (S/2020/218), submitted by the United Kingdom, for the extension of mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia.

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China
to the United Nations

Annex IV

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council for the month of March, in which he draws attention to the agreement among Council members, amid the current extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, to provide our vote in writing within a non-extendable period of 24 hours, and to the letter dated 27 March 2020, in which the President of the Security Council puts the draft resolution on the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Mission (UNSOM) to a vote, the Dominican Republic would like to submit its vote.

In this regard, upon instructions from my Government, the Dominican Republic votes in favour of the draft resolution on the extension of the mandate of UNSOM.

(Signed) José **Singer**
Ambassador
Special Envoy for Security Council Affairs
of the Dominican Republic

Annex V**Letter dated 27 March 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 Security Council draft resolution regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia ([S/2020/218](#)).

(Signed) **Sven Jürgenson**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex VI

Letter dated 30 March 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 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council, calling on the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolution relating to the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, put in blue under the symbol [S/2020/218](#). France votes in favour.

(Signed) Nicolas **de Rivière**

Annex VII**Letter dated 30 March 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission 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 27 March 2020, initiating a written voting procedure, in line with the agreement reached among members of the Security Council, which is to be assessed at the end of the month of April 2020.

The vote of the Federal Republic of Germany on the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, as contained in document [S/2020/218](#), is as follows:

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

(Signed) Juergen Schulz
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex VIII

Letter dated 29 March 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 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (S/2020/218).

I hereby indicate that Indonesia votes in favour of the said resolution. I should be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter.

(Signed) Dian Triansyah **Djani**
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia
to the United Nations

Annex IX**Note verbale dated 28 March 2020 from the Permanent Mission of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

The Permanent Mission of the Niger to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs – Security Council Affairs Division and has the honour to refer to the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of China, in his capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of March, enunciating the agreed provisional procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, ([S/2020/218](#)), the Republic of the Niger votes in favour.

Annex X

Letter dated 27 March 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 27 March 2020, on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia ([S/2020/218](#)).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of resolutions of the Security Council put in place for the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic outlined in your letter dated 27 March 2020, I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of the draft resolution contained in document [S/2020/218](#).

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**

Annex XI**Letter dated 30 March 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/2020/218](#)) submitted by the United Kingdom for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia.

In this respect, I wish to inform you, Sir, that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Inga Rhonda **King**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex XII

Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer, Sir, to your letter dated 27 March 2020, regarding the draft Security Council resolution extending the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia ([S/2020/218](#)).

The delegation of the Republic of South Africa votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution. In this regard, I would be grateful if the vote of the delegation of the Republic of South Africa could be recorded accordingly as part of the official records of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jerry Matthews **Matjila**
Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa

Annex XIII**Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

With reference to the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of China, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, submitted by the United Kingdom in document [S/2020/218](#), I would like to inform you, Sir, that Tunisia votes in favour of that draft resolution.

(Signed) Tarek **Ladeb**
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex XIV

Letter dated 30 March 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission 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 from the President of the Security Council of 27 March 2020, the United Kingdom votes in favour of the draft resolution ([S/2020/218](#)) for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia.

(Signed) Jonathan **Allen**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex XV

Letter dated 27 March 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 the United Kingdom for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia ([S/2020/218](#)), the United States of America votes in favour.

(Signed) Kelly Craft
Ambassador
United States Representative to the United Nations

Annex XVI

Letter dated 30 March 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 dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council dated 27 March 2020, relating to the draft resolution on the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSAM), submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as contained in document [S/2020/218](#);

In accordance with the understanding on the procedure for the consideration of draft resolutions, agreed upon by the members of the Security Council, during the extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as reflected in the letter dated 27 March 2020 by the President of the Security Council;

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 any statement on this matter at this stage.

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