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Letter dated 27 August 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the ministerial-level open debate of the Security Council on the theme “Climate and security”, held on 24 July 2020, under the presidency of Germany.

As announced in the debate, together with nine States members of the Security Council, we will convene an informal expert group of the Security Council on climate and security. On behalf of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, the Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, please find attached a letter to that effect (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Guenter **Sautter**
Ambassador

Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany
to the United Nations



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The Security Council has recognized the adverse effects of climate change on peace and security in a range of its deliberations and its products, ranging from a thematic presidential statement in 2011 to 13 resolutions adopted since 2015. We believe that, in its future work on climate-related security risks, the Council would benefit from a more systematic approach and more consistent attention to this issue, including during the formulation of mandates and consultations on their renewal. It is our conviction that the Council's work in this context would greatly benefit from increased attention to climate-related security risks in briefings and reports to the Council by the Secretariat and senior mission leaders.

We would like to inform you that we will therefore convene an informal expert group of the Security Council on climate and security. This advisory, non-decision-making group will be open to all Council members and will meet regularly.

The informal expert group will improve the flow of information and analysis with respect to the peace and security implications of climate change in country- and region-specific situations and sharpen the focus and specificity of Council deliberations and actions. The group will provide a space for transparent, regular and systematic consultations between country experts and United Nations entities on climate-related security risks in order to improve the understanding of the adverse effects of climate change on peace and security and help strengthen the Council's efforts to mainstream the climate and security agenda in its daily work.

The Permanent Representatives of the Niger and Germany will serve as inaugural Co-Chairs of the informal expert group. The first meeting is intended to be held in September 2020.

We would be grateful if the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, in the context of the climate security mechanism, could act as the secretariat of the informal expert group, coordinate the provision of information to Council members, as necessary to the group's work, and facilitate its meetings.

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Ambassador

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