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I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution [2524 \(2020\)](#) of 3 June 2020, in which the Council requested that I report every 90 days on the implementation of the mandate of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS) and include in the first report clear and measurable core and contextual benchmarks and indicators to track progress made by the Mission against its strategic objectives and enable early planning for a future reconfiguration of the United Nations presence in the Sudan.

The planning process for the establishment of UNITAMS has been ongoing, notably through a visit to the Sudan by the planning team that took place from 26 July to 11 August 2020. The team experienced positive engagement with the Government and other stakeholders, which facilitated substantive progress in the planning process. Nonetheless, the challenges linked to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the attendant delays, which I had referred to in my previous letter on this subject ([S/2020/749](#)), have been compounded by the absence of a Head of Mission for UNITAMS.

I therefore seek an extension of two weeks for the submission of the first quarterly report. The report will be focused on the situation in the Sudan and the planning process for the establishment of UNITAMS. The submission of the suggested structure and geographical deployment of UNITAMS, as well as the quarterly report on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, will be annexed to that report. My recommendations on core and contextual benchmarks and indicators to track progress of UNITAMS against its strategic objectives will be contained in the subsequent quarterly report.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António Guterres

