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### Letter dated 18 September 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 inform you that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document [S/2020/910](#), which was submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security”. The voting was carried out in accordance with the procedure set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council ([S/2020/253](#)), which was agreed upon in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Director of the Security Council Affairs Division has received letters from all 15 members of the Security Council indicating their national position on the draft resolution. The result of the vote is as follows:

*In favour:*

Belgium, China, Dominican Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Indonesia, Niger, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Viet Nam

*Against:*

None

*Abstaining:*

None

The draft resolution received 15 votes in favour. The resolution has been adopted as resolution [2544 \(2020\)](#) of 18 September 2020. The resolution, which is set out in the annex to the present letter,<sup>1</sup> will be issued as a document of the Security Council without delay.

(Signed) Abdou **Abarry**  
President of the Security Council

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<sup>1</sup> Circulated in English only.



## Annex

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S/RES/2544 (2020)

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*Reaffirming* its resolutions [1265 \(1999\)](#), [1325 \(2000\)](#), [1368 \(2001\)](#), [1373 \(2001\)](#), [1624 \(2005\)](#), [1894 \(2009\)](#), [2106 \(2013\)](#), [2150 \(2014\)](#), [2170 \(2014\)](#), [2178 \(2014\)](#), [2199 \(2015\)](#), [2242 \(2015\)](#), [2249 \(2015\)](#), [2253 \(2015\)](#), [2322 \(2016\)](#), [2331 \(2016\)](#), [2341 \(2017\)](#), [2347 \(2017\)](#), [2354 \(2017\)](#), [2367 \(2017\)](#), [2368 \(2017\)](#), [2370 \(2017\)](#), [2490 \(2019\)](#) and its relevant presidential statements,

*Reaffirming* its respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and unity of Iraq, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* that the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as Da'esh) constitutes a global threat to international peace and security through its terrorist acts, its violent extremist ideology, its continued gross, systematic and widespread attacks directed against civilians, its violations of international humanitarian law and abuses of human rights, particularly those committed against women and children, and including those motivated by religious or ethnic grounds, and its recruitment and training of foreign terrorist fighters whose threat affects all regions and Member States,

*Condemning* the commission of acts by ISIL (Da'esh) involving murder, kidnapping, hostage-taking, suicide bombings, enslavement, sale into or otherwise forced marriage, trafficking in persons, rape, sexual slavery and other forms of sexual violence, recruitment and use of children, attacks on critical infrastructure, as well as its destruction of cultural heritage, including archaeological sites, and trafficking of cultural property,

*Recognizing* that the commission of such acts which may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide, is part of the ideology and strategic objectives of ISIL (Da'esh), and used by ISIL (Da'esh) as a tactic of terrorism, and that holding ISIL (Da'esh) members accountable, particularly those who bear the greatest responsibility, including in terms of leadership, which can include regional or mid-level commanders, and the ordering and commission of crimes, will further expose this, and could assist in countering terrorism and violent extremism which can

be conducive to terrorism, including by stemming financing and the continued flow of international recruits to the terrorist group ISIL (Da'esh),

*Welcoming* the considerable efforts of the Government of Iraq to defeat ISIL (Da'esh), and recalling its letter to the Secretary-General and Security Council dated 9 August 2017 calling for the assistance of the international community to ensure that members of ISIL (Da'esh) are held accountable for their crimes in Iraq, including where those may amount to crimes against humanity (S/2017/710),

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 2379 (2017), by which the Investigative Team, headed by a Special Adviser, was established; and recalls the terms of reference approved by the Council (S/2018/119);

2. *Takes note* of the request from the Government of Iraq contained in its letter dated 16 September 2020 (S/2020/909) and *decides* to extend until 18 September 2021 the mandate of the Special Adviser and the Team, with any further extension to be decided at the request of the Government of Iraq, or any other government that has requested the Team to collect evidence of acts that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide, committed by ISIL (Da'esh) in its territory, in accordance with its resolution 2379 (2017);

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to align the term of the Special Adviser with the term of this mandate and to renew the Special Adviser's term to 18 September 2021;

4. *Requests* the Special Adviser to continue to submit and present reports to the Council on the team's activities every 180 days;

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

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