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Letter dated 13 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 9 April 2021 (see annex) from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 4 December 2020 ([S/AC.51/2020/9](#)).

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
President of the Security Council



Annex

During a closed videoconference held on 26 August 2020, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the fifth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Philippines (S/2020/777), which covers the period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019 and was introduced by your Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict. The Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations also addressed the Working Group. The Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Philippines (S/AC.51/2020/9) on 4 December 2020.

In follow up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014), 2225 (2015) and 2427 (2018), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to:

(a) Request you to ensure the continued effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict in the Philippines;

(b) Request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting continues its ongoing work and advocacy for the release and reintegration of children associated with armed groups and armed forces and of children detained for their alleged association with armed groups;

(c) Request you to encourage the country task force on monitoring and reporting and other relevant United Nations entities to continue their engagement and efforts towards supporting the Government in preventing and ending violations and abuses committed against children, including through their protection and reintegration, the monitoring and reporting of the situation of children affected by armed conflict, the monitoring and implementation of action plans with armed groups and the conclusion of new action plans with armed groups;

(d) Encourage you, including through the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, to broadly disseminate the *Practical Guidance for Mediators to Protect Children in Situations of Armed Conflict* to relevant actors in the peace and mediation processes in the Philippines, to ensure that the protection, rights, well-being and empowerment of children affected by armed conflict are fully incorporated into and prioritized in all post-conflict recovery and reconstruction planning, programmes and strategies, as well as in efforts towards peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and to encourage and facilitate consideration of the views of children in those processes in the Philippines.

(Signed) Mona Juul
Chair

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict
