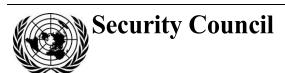
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Letter dated 13 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

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 1 December 2020 (S/AC.51/2020/8).

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





Annex

During a closed videoconference held on 27 July 2020, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the second report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Nigeria (S/2020/652), which covers the period from January 2017 to December 2019 and was introduced by your Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict. The Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations also addressed the Working Group. The Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Nigeria (S/AC.51/2020/8) on 1 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 Nigeria;
- (b) Request you to ensure that the United Nations 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 to continue engagement with the Civilian Joint Task Force to fully implement its action plan and facilitate the release of any remaining associated children;
- (c) Note the negative impact of conflict on children in regions of countries bordering north-east Nigeria, and invite you in that regard to report on relevant developments, as appropriate, through the regular reporting to provide a more comprehensive picture of the situation of children affected by the conflict.

(Signed) Mona **Juul**Chair
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