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Letter dated 29 September 2021 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing pursuant to Security Council resolution 2568 (2021) of 12 March 2021, whereby the Security Council requested me, jointly with the African Union, and in consultation with the Federal Government of Somalia and donors, to produce a proposal on the strategic objectives, size and composition of a reconfigured African Union mission by the end of September 2021. In its resolution, the Council also requested me to present options for continuing United Nations logistical support from 2022, to include support for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia and to the Somali security forces alongside a reconfigured African Union mission, by the end of October 2021.

Since the adoption of the resolution, a series of consultations have taken place at various levels among relevant stakeholders towards fulfilling this request. The consultations have involved the African Union, the European Union, the Federal Government of Somalia and the United Nations, among others. Discussions remain ongoing, including between the African Union and the Federal Government of Somalia, and require additional time to be completed, prior to developing a final agreed proposal.

Accordingly, a joint United Nations-African Union proposal on which the Federal Government of Somalia and partners have been fully consulted should be submitted to the Security Council by the end of the year.

I would be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António	Guterres



