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### Letter dated 6 October 2021 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in reference to Security Council resolution [2553 \(2020\)](#), unanimously adopted on 3 December 2020, in which the Council requested me to submit a report in September 2021 on my efforts to strengthen the United Nations comprehensive approach to security sector reform.

To this end, the Secretariat has initiated extensive consultations in the framework of the Inter-Agency Security Sector Reform Task Force, co-chaired by the Department of Peace Operations and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as with relevant partners, including regional organizations and international financial institutions. To further inform my report, the Task Force commissioned an independent review of peace operations with security sector reform mandates to reflect on good practices and challenges in operationalizing Security Council resolution [2151 \(2014\)](#) on security sector reform. This will create a solid foundation for the implementation of resolution [2553 \(2020\)](#), in particular as it pertains to security sector governance and the political dimension of security sector reform.

In the light of the foregoing, I should like to request that the deadline for the submission of the report to the Security Council be extended to January 2022. This will enable the Secretariat to put forth a credible and effective model for United Nations engagement on security sector reform, on the basis of lessons learned from past experiences and ongoing consultations.

I remain grateful to the Security Council for recognizing the role of security sector reform and governance in numerous country-specific and thematic resolutions.

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

(Signed) António Guterres

