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Letter dated 14 February 2022 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to provide an update regarding the report on my efforts to strengthen the United Nations comprehensive approach to security sector reform, pursuant to Security Council resolution [2553 \(2020\)](#).

The Inter-Agency Security Sector Reform Task Force, co-chaired by the Department of Peace Operations and the United Nations Development Programme, has incurred delays in the completion of the report. The independent review of peace operations with security sector reform mandates provided useful insights on good practices and challenges in operationalizing Security Council resolution [2151 \(2014\)](#) on security sector reform. The Task Force deployed every effort to create a consistent and reliable framework for consultations and to standardize some of the findings of the independent review, throughout the report on security sector reform requested by the Security Council.

However, the independent review was delivered with a delay of two months and an outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) within the core drafting team has severely disrupted the finalization of the report. Therefore, I wish to request another extension of the deadline for the submission of the report to the Security Council, until March 2022.

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 would appreciate your bringing the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António Guterres

