

**Security Council**

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Letter dated 30 November 2000 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

You will recall that, at its 4223rd meeting on 15 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled “No exit without strategy”, concerning the role of the Council in the closure or transition of peacekeeping operations with a view to improving that process. The members of the Council consider that debate a useful input on an issue that merits further study. They therefore request you to submit to the Council, by April 2001, a report on the issue, including an analysis and recommendations, taking into account the responsibilities of different organs of the United Nations system and the views expressed at the 4223rd meeting. In that connection, the members of the Council invite Member States to facilitate the preparation of such a report. The members of the Council expect that, given the interest in the matter shown by the wider membership of the United Nations, the report will be made available as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Peter **van Walsum**
President of the Security Council