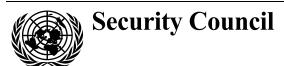
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## Letter dated 8 October 2001 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 3 October 2001 (S/2001/950) concerning the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and other Forms of Wealth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of your recommendation that the Panel's mandate be extended until 30 November 2001 to enable the Panel to submit its report to the Council by mid-November 2001.

(Signed) Richard Ryan President of the Security Council