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**Letter dated 23 December 2003 from the President of the
Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 19 December 2003 (S/2003/1198) concerning your intention to establish a small United Nations Observer Mission in Bougainville (UNOMB) for a six-month period to replace the United Nations Political Office in Bougainville (UNPOB) the mandate of which expires on 31 December 2003, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of your intention, as well as the functions and the staffing structure of UNOMB, as indicated in your letter.

(Signed) Stefan **Tafrov**
President of the Security Council