

**Security Council**

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Letter dated 25 October 2004 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter of 4 October 2004 (S/2004/797) concerning the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA) has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

The members of the Council concur with your recommendation to extend the mandate of UNOWA for three years from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2007, subject to a mid-term review in July 2006. The members of the Council also take note of your intention to strengthen UNOWA to enable it to perform its mandate more effectively and would be grateful for more information in this regard, as requested below. In this regard, the members of the Council encourage you, in addition to resources from within the United Nations, actively to explore the possibility of direct contributions from Member States.

Since the activities of UNOWA have increased substantially in the past year, and since you intend to strengthen the Office as a result, the members of the Council would be grateful to receive a copy of the intended mandate and functions of UNOWA for the next three-year period.

(Signed) Emyr **Jones Parry**
President of the Security Council