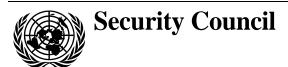
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Letter dated 21 November 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) established by the Security Council in its resolution 1509 (2003) of 19 September 2003 and extended by the Council in its resolution 1626 (2005) of 19 September 2005.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Lieutenant General Chikadibia Isaac Obiakor (Nigeria) as Force Commander of UNMIL as of 1 January 2006. He replaces Lieutenant General Joseph Owonibi of Nigeria, who has served as Force Commander of UNMIL since 1 January 2005. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Lieutenant General Owonibi for his exemplary and highly professional service in UNMIL.

I would be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan

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