

**Security Council**

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Letter dated 30 December 2005 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 20 December 2005 (S/2005/847) and its annex, concerning your decision to maintain the operation of the Independent Inquiry Committee until the end of March 2006, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the information and decision contained in your letter and its annex.

In particular, Council members note that the Committee, having fully completed its investigation, would not retain any ongoing investigative capacity or authority. Extension of the operation under the chairmanship of the Executive Director of the Committee would be exclusively for the purposes of assisting the national bodies investigating the cases resulting from its work, and the remaining functions would be to manage appropriate access to the Committee archive and to ensure its appropriate preservation and disposition.

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