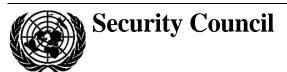
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Letter dated 26 November 2013 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the exchange of letters between the President of the Security Council and myself, dated 22 and 29 October 2013, pertaining to the establishment of a guard unit to enable the implementation of the mandated tasks of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA).

I am pleased to inform you of progress made in implementing the decision of the Security Council. BINUCA has already informed the authorities of the Central African Republic of this decision in writing, and requested their consent to have the guard unit deployed as soon as possible. In this regard, the authorities confirmed their consent on 5 November 2013.

Meanwhile, as Morocco has agreed to contribute approximately 250 newly generated troops, inter-mission cooperation arrangements are not required at this stage of the deployment, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year. At the same time, the Secretariat remains actively engaged to ensure deployment of the remainder of the guard unit as soon as possible.

(Signed) BAN Ki-moon





