

**Security Council**

Distr.: General
30 December 2019

Original: English

Letter dated 27 December 2019 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 15 November 2019 ([S/2019/890](#)) transmitting the report of the independent strategic review of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS) and providing your observations and recommendations on that report, as well as your letter dated 19 December 2019 ([S/2019/1009](#)) concerning the proposed mandate of UNOWAS, have been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

As they start examining your proposal for the new mandate, the members of the Security Council request, at this juncture, that the current mandate of UNOWAS, as it is formulated in the annex to the letter contained in [S/2016/1129](#), be extended until 31 January 2020.

(Signed) Cherith **Norman-Chalet**
President of the Security Council

