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Letter dated 9 May 2019 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to Security Council resolution [2444 \(2018\)](#) of 14 November 2018, in which the Council requested that I conduct a technical assessment regarding the arms embargo on Somalia, with options and recommendations, to be submitted by 15 May 2019.

The Secretariat has engaged with the Federal Government of Somalia with respect to the terms of reference for the assessment, including the composition of the assessment team and the question of timing. On 18 April 2019, the Secretariat held a productive meeting in New York with the National Security Adviser to the President of Somalia to move the planning for the assessment forward.

Consultations have since continued between the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) and the Government of Somalia. UNSOM will provide logistical support for the assessment. A preference has been expressed for the assessment to take place after the conclusion of the month of Ramadan.

I therefore wish to request an extension of the time frame for the submission of the technical assessment until 30 July 2019.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António **Guterres**

