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## Letter dated 23 August 2019 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1977 (2011), in which the Council, in paragraph 5(a), requested me to establish, in consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), a group of up to eight experts, acting under the direction and purview of the Committee, composed of individuals with appropriate experience and knowledge to provide the Committee with expertise, to assist the Committee in carrying out its mandate under resolutions 1540 (2004), 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008) and 1977 (2011), including through facilitation of assistance to improve the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). On 29 June 2012, the Council adopted resolution 2055 (2012), in which it emphasized the significantly increased workload of the Committee over the course of its mandate and requested the Secretary-General to increase the size of the group of experts referred to in paragraph 5(a) of resolution 1977 (2011) to up to nine experts.

Owing to the impending completion of the terms of service of two experts, in September 2019 and January 2020, the Committee informed the Secretariat on 13 August 2019 that, after consultations on its group of experts, it had agreed on two candidates to fill the vacancies to become available, and in this connection requested that the Secretary-General take the necessary measures to appoint them to the group of experts.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consultations with the Committee, I have appointed the following two individuals to the group of experts: Mr. Aleksei Baronin (Russian Federation) and Mr. David Theard (France).

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

| (Signed) António | Guterres |
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