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Letter dated 5 September 2019 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution [2479 \(2019\)](#) on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), in which the Council requested the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to provide a special report no later than 30 September 2019. The report was requested in order to present: (a) an assessment of the situation on the ground and recommendations on the appropriate course of action regarding the drawdown of UNAMID; and (b) a joint African Union-United Nations political strategy detailing options for a follow-on mechanism to UNAMID. In view of that request, a joint African Union-United Nations team is currently visiting Khartoum, from 4 to 9 September 2019, to engage with the new Government of the Sudan and to finalize the report.

The calendar for the establishment of the new transitional institutions in the Sudan, following the signature of the constitutional declaration on 17 August 2019, foresees the establishment of the new transitional Government in early September 2019. I therefore wish to request a ten-day extension of the time frame for the submission of the assessment report, until 10 October 2019, to enable substantive engagement with the transitional institutions regarding their views, especially on post-UNAMID arrangements.

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

(Signed) António Guterres

