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Letter dated 27 April 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 22 April 2020, from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established pursuant to Security Council resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 8 April 2020 ([S/AC.51/2020/1](#)) (see annex).

(Signed) José **Singer Weisinger**
President of the Security Council



Annex**Letter dated 22 April 2020 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General**

At its 81st meeting, on 14 June 2019, the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the second report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Yemen (S/2019/453), which was introduced by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. The Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations also addressed the Working Group. The Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Yemen on 8 April 2020 (S/AC.51/2020/1).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014), 2225 (2015) and 2427 (2018), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to:

- (a) Call upon you to ensure that the protection of children is included in all peace negotiations, ceasefire and peace agreements, and in provisions for ceasefire monitoring;
- (b) Call upon you to ensure that the United Nations continues its efforts to develop an action plan with the Houthis to end and prevent the six grave violations against children, as well as engagement with other parties to the conflict for the purpose of signing and implementing action plans;
- (c) Encourage you to ensure that the United Nations continues its engagement with the Government of Yemen and with the Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen;
- (d) Strongly encourage you to ensure that relevant activities foreseen in the action plans with parties to the conflict are mainstreamed within the peacebuilding activities of the United Nations in Yemen, in particular the reintegration and rehabilitation of children and the development of sustainable livelihood opportunities, in order to empower them and prevent their recruitment and use by parties to armed conflict in violation of international law;
- (e) Call upon you to ensure that child protection expertise is available in the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen to mainstream child protection into all peace negotiations, ceasefire and peace agreements, and into provisions for ceasefire monitoring, to ensure that the need for child protection advisers is systematically assessed during the preparation and renewal of the political mission, and to encourage briefings to the Security Council on Yemen to take into account the situation of children in Yemen.

(Signed) Marc Pecsteen de Buytsverve
Chair

Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict
