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Letter dated 21 January 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Central African Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 14 January 2020 from the Government of the Central African Republic addressed to you concerning the total lifting of the arms embargo (see annex).

Some armed groups are continuing to launch attacks against civilian populations, in defiance of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic to which they are all signatories.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ambroisine Kpongo**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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With reference to the national report on the sanctions regime in the Central African Republic that the Government sent to the United Nations sanctions committee on 29 December 2019, the Government and people of the Central African Republic are formally requesting the total lifting of the arms embargo. This will enable our defence and security forces to fully restore security to the territory and the population, alongside the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), for the full implementation of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation signed on 6 February 2019. Lifting the embargo would also contribute to safeguarding the electoral process scheduled for the end of December 2020.

This request from the Government is part of an effort to combat numerous violations of international humanitarian and human rights law with a view to a lasting return to peace in the Central African Republic.

(Signed) Chancel **Sekode Ndeugbayi**
