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Letter dated 23 July 2020 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2524 (2020) of 3 June 2020, in which the Council requested that I provide, for its information, a suggested structure and geographical deployment for the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS), within 60 days of the adoption of the resolution.

While the planning process for the establishment of UNITAMS was swiftly initiated and important progress has been made, there have also been considerable challenges linked to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The planning team is expected to travel to the Sudan in late July, circumstances permitting, to hold in-depth discussions with Sudanese stakeholders and visit relevant locations in the Sudan, with a view to developing a suggested structure and geographical deployment for the Mission.

I therefore seek an extension of one month for the submission of the suggested structure and geographical deployment, which I propose to annex to my first report on the implementation of the UNITAMS mandate.

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

(Signed) António Guterres



