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

In a statement by the President of the Security Council ([S/PRST/2017/13](#)), the Council requested that the Secretary-General identify options for enhancing United Nations involvement in Burundi and developing mutual confidence-building measures between the Government of Burundi and the United Nations. In the same statement, the Council stressed the importance of coordinating efforts between the African Union, the East African Community, the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and the United Nations, including the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, to continue to seek solutions to the crisis in Burundi. It also expressed its intention to review its request for a quarterly report on Burundi on the basis of the evolution of the situation on the ground.

The elections in Burundi of 20 May, together with the evolution of the peace and security situation in the country, necessitate a review of United Nations engagement with Burundi. In his inaugural address of 18 June, the President of Burundi, Evariste Ndayishimiye, committed himself to strengthening relations with African countries; regional organizations, such as the African Union and the East African Community; and international organizations. In view of these elements and the continued need for the engagement and support of international partners to foster reconciliation, peace and security in Burundi, the Security Council requests the Secretary-General to conduct and provide the Security Council, no later than 31 October 2020, a written report with recommendations assessing the challenges facing Burundi and the scope and modalities of United Nations engagement in the country, alongside the African Union and the region, to support Burundi in achieving sustainable peace, reconciliation and development.

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