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Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2562 (2021), related to agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” and adopted on 11 February 2021. Resolution 2562 (2021) was adopted in accordance with the voting procedure set out in the letter by the President of the Security Council dated 27 March 2020 (S/2020/253), a procedure agreed in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic.

Pursuant to that procedure, I enclose herewith copies of the related documents:

My letter dated 10 February 2021, addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council (annex I), putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/125 (see enclosure to annex I); and

Letters received in reply from Security Council members indicating their national positions on the draft resolution (annexes II to XVI).

This letter and its enclosures will be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Barbara Woodward**
President of the Security Council



Annex I

Letter dated 10 February 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

In accordance with the procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, as set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to all members of the Council (S/2020/253), I would like to draw your attention to the following.

The members of the Council have discussed a draft resolution, submitted by the United States of America, in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”. That draft resolution, contained in document S/2021/125 and enclosed herein, has been put into blue.

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I hereby put the above-mentioned draft resolution to a vote. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period for this draft resolution will begin at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 February 2021. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period will expire at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 11 February 2021.

Please submit your vote (in favour, against, or abstain) on the draft resolution, as well as your possible explanation of vote, by sending a letter signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the non-extendable 24-hour voting period set out above to the Officer-in-charge of the Security Council Affairs Division (SCAD/DPPA) in the United Nations Secretariat (sutterlin@un.org).

It is my intention to circulate a letter listing the outcome of the vote within three hours of the conclusion of the 24-hour voting period. I also intend to convene a video-teleconference of the Security Council to announce the outcome of the vote shortly after the conclusion of the voting period, on the afternoon of Thursday, 11 February 2021.

(Signed) **Barbara Woodward**
President of the Security Council

Enclosure

United Nations

S/2021/125

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United States of America: draft resolution*The Security Council,*

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning Sudan, in particular 1591 (2005), 1651 (2005), 1665 (2006), 1672 (2006), 1713 (2006), 1779 (2007), 1841 (2008), 1891 (2009), 1945 (2010), 1982 (2011), 2035 (2012), 2091 (2013), 2138 (2014), 2200 (2015), 2265 (2016), 2340 (2017), 2400 (2018), 2455 (2019), and 2508 (2020), and its Presidential Statement of 11 December 2018 (S/PRST/2018/19),

Welcoming the signing of the Juba Peace Agreement in Juba on 3 October 2020 by the Government of Sudan, the Sudan Revolutionary Front and the Sudan Liberation Movement-Minni Minawi, and *congratulating* Sudan and its people for this historic achievement, which represents a significant opportunity for comprehensive and sustainable peace in Sudan and an important milestone of the transition period towards a peaceful, stable, democratic and prosperous future for Sudan,

Encouraging the signatories of the peace agreement to begin swiftly the process of implementation, and *noting* that the peace agreement provides for a specific role for the United Nations in supporting the implementation of its provisions,

Urging those who have yet to join the peace process with the Government of Sudan to do so immediately, constructively and without pre-conditions in order to conclude swiftly negotiations on a comprehensive peace agreement, and *calling upon* all international actors to continue encouraging non-participatory parties in this regard,

Reaffirming the primary responsibility of the Government of Sudan to protect civilians across its territory, *acknowledging* in this regard the Government of Sudan's National Plan for Civilian Protection (S/2020/429) and the weapons-collection programme, and *expressing concern* that the security situation in some regions of Darfur remains precarious, and underscoring the need to avoid a relapse into conflict and mitigate the risks for the population posed inter alia by threats against civilians in Darfur, inter-communal violence, human rights violations and abuses, violations of international humanitarian law and continued displacement,

Stressing the need for the Government of Sudan to ensure accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and *welcoming* the provisions of the Constitutional Document on transitional justice and accountability measures in this regard,

Determining that the situation in Sudan continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Recalling the final report of the Sudan Panel of Experts (S/2021/40),

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Recalls* the measures imposed by paragraphs 7 and 8 of resolution 1556 (2004), as modified by paragraph 7 of resolution 1591 (2005), and paragraph 4 of resolution 2035 (2012), and the listing criteria and measures imposed by subparagraphs (c), (d) and (e) of paragraph 3 of resolution 1591 (2005), as modified by paragraph 3 of resolution 2035 (2012), and *reaffirms* the provisions of subparagraph (f), (g) of paragraph 3 of resolution 1591 (2005), paragraph 9 of resolution 1556 (2004), and paragraph 4 of resolution 2035 (2012);

2. *Decides* to extend until 12 March 2022 the mandate of the Panel of Experts originally appointed pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) and previously extended by resolutions 1779 (2007), 1841 (2008), 1945 (2010), 2035 (2012), 2138 (2014), 2200 (2015), 2265 (2016), 2340 (2017), and 2400 (2018), *reaffirms* the mandate of the Panel of Experts' as established in resolutions 1591 (2005), 1779 (2007), 1841 (2008), 1945 (2010), 2035 (2012), 2138 (2014), 2200 (2015), 2265 (2016), 2340 (2017), 2400 (2018), 2455 (2019), and 2508 (2020), and *requests* the Panel of Experts to provide to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan (hereafter "the Committee") with an interim report on its activities no later than 12 August 2021, and provide to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, a final report by 13 January 2022 with its findings and recommendations, and *further requests* the Panel of Experts to provide updates every three months to the Committee regarding its activities, including Panel travel, and the implementation and effectiveness of paragraph 10 of resolution 1945 (2010), and *expresses its intention* to review the mandate and take appropriate action regarding the further extension of the mandate no later than 12 February 2022;

3. *Recalls* paragraph 3(a) (v) of Security Council resolution 1591 (2005) and requests the Government of Sudan to submit requests for the Committee's consideration and, where appropriate, prior approval for the movement of military equipment and supplies into the Darfur region, particularly in the context of the implementation of the Juba Peace Agreement, in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 1591 (2005), as clarified and updated in paragraph 8 of resolution 1945 (2010) and paragraph 4 of resolution 2035 (2012);

4. *Expresses its intention* to regularly review the measures on Darfur, as recalled in paragraph 1, in light of the evolving situation on the ground, taking note of the Committee Chair's report and recommendations, and in light of the upcoming interim report by the Panel of Experts due by 12 August 2021 as well as the final report by the Panel of Experts due by 13 January 2022, and taking into account relevant Security Council resolutions;

5. *Requests* in this regard the Secretary-General, in close consultation with the Government of Sudan, signatories of the Juba Peace Agreement, UNITAMS, and the Panel of Experts, to conduct a review of the situation in Darfur, including threats to stability, implementation of the Juba Peace Agreement and the National Plan for Civilian Protection, measures to tackle the proliferation of weapons, including progress on the weapons collection program, and compliance with the measures on Darfur as recalled in paragraph 1 of this resolution, *further requests* the Secretary-General, in close coordination with the Panel of Experts and in consultation with the Government of Sudan, to provide to the Security Council, by 31 July 2021, a report containing recommendations for clear and well identified key benchmarks that could serve in guiding the Security Council to review the measures on Darfur as recalled

in paragraph 1 of this resolution, and *expresses its intention* to establish clear and well identified key benchmarks no later than 15 September 2021, with readiness to consider adjusting measures renewed in paragraph 1 to respond to the situation in Darfur;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

Annex II

Letter dated 10 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I thank you, Madame, and your team for the continued strong support in facilitating the voting procedure.

Kindly be informed that China votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2021/125) submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations

Annex III**Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, my delegation votes in favour of the Security Council draft resolution submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” contained in document S/2021/125.

(Signed) **Sven Jürgenson**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations

Annex IV

Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: French]

I refer to the letter dated 10 February 2021 calling on the members of the Security Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by the United States of America under the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”, put into blue under the symbol S/2021/125. France votes in favour.

(Signed) Nicolas **de Rivière**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

Annex V**Letter dated 10 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10 February 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary General on the Sudan and South Sudan”, contained in document S/2021/125.

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that India votes in favour of draft resolution S/2021/125.

(Signed) **T. S. Tirumurti**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

Annex VI

Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10 February 2021, on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”, contained in document S/2021/125.

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council for the duration of the restrictions of movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic, outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that Ireland votes in favour of the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/125.

(Signed) **Geraldine Byrne Nason**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations

Annex VII**Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/125) submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

In that respect, I wish to inform you that Kenya votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) **Martin Kimani**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations

Annex VIII

Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the letter dated 10 February 2021 regarding the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”, submitted by the United States of America and contained in document S/2021/125.

In accordance with the procedure outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253) for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council, I have the honour to inform you that Mexico votes in favour of the aforementioned draft resolution.

(Signed) **Juan Ramón de la Fuente Ramírez**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

Annex IX**Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing in response to the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 10 February 2021 calling on the members of the Council to express their votes on the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/125, submitted by the United States of America under the item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

In accordance with the agreed temporary procedures for the adoption of draft resolutions during the coronavirus disease pandemic restrictions, I have the honour to indicate that the Republic of the Niger decides to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) Abdou **Abarry**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations

Annex X

Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the President of the Security Council's letter dated 10 February 2021 relating to the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item "Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan".

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of draft resolutions under the current circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, I am pleased to inform you that Norway votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) **Mona Juul**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

Annex XI**Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10 February 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” (S/2021/125).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of draft resolution S/2021/125.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Annex XII

Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/125) submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

In that respect, I wish to inform you that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Inga Rhonda **King**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
to the United Nations

Annex XIII**Letter dated 10 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Further to the letter dated 10 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in her capacity as the President of the Security Council, concerning the draft resolution submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”, as contained in document (S/2021/125), I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of that draft resolution.

(Signed) Tarek **Ladeb**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

Annex XIV

Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 10 February 2021, the United Kingdom votes in favour of draft resolution S/2021/125, in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”.

(Signed) Barbara **Woodward**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations

Annex XV**Letter dated 11 February 2021 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

On the draft resolution submitted by the United States of America in connection with the agenda item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” (S/2021/125), the United States of America votes in favour.

(Signed) Richard M. **Mills**
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative of the United States of America
to the United Nations

Annex XVI

Letter from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In reference to the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 10 February 2021 relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan” as contained in document S/2021/125, I would like to hereby inform you that Viet Nam votes in favour of said draft resolution.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations
