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**Letter dated 7 June 2010 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to my letter to the President of the Security Council of 15 December 2009 (S/2009/664) on the activities of the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS), in which I conveyed my intention to continue these activities for the biennium 2010-2011, given the crucial role of UNPOS at this critical juncture of the Somali peace process. In the letter from the President of the Council dated 21 December 2009 (S/2009/665), the members of the Council took note of my intention to let UNPOS continue to carry out its tasks during the biennium 2010-2011.

Following the usual consultations, I should like to inform you that it is my intention to appoint Augustine Mahiga (United Republic of Tanzania) as my Special Representative for Somalia and Head of UNPOS, with effect from 1 July 2010. He will succeed Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah (Mauritania), who has served as my Special Representative for Somali since September 2007. I should like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr. Ould-Abdallah for his great contribution to the effort to build peace in Somalia during his tenure in UNPOS.

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

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

