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Letter dated 21 September 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 17 September 2010 (S/2010/491) concerning your intention to establish a three-member panel to monitor and assess the forthcoming referendum processes for Southern Sudan and the Abyei area in line with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the intention contained in your letter to appoint Benjamin Mkapa, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania, to head the panel and to designate Antonio Monteiro, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal, and Bhojraj Pokharel, former Chair of the Election Commission of Nepal, as the other two members of the panel.

(Signed) Ertuğrul **Apakan**
President of the Security Council

