

**Security Council**

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Letter dated 23 December 2004 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 21 December 2004 (S/2004/1015) concerning your recommendation to extend the mandate of the United Nations Observer Mission in Bougainville (UNOMB) for a period of six months, until 30 June 2005, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the recommendation and information contained in your letter. The Security Council also requests that the Secretary-General present a report to the Council within three months on an assessment of the ground situation and on a mission-closure plan.

(Signed) Abdallah **Baali**
President of the Security Council
