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Letter dated 18 September 2020 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 2544 (2020), related to the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security” and adopted on 18 September 2020. Resolution 2544 (2020) 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 COVID-19 pandemic.

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

My letter dated 17 September 2020, addressed to the Permanent Representatives of Security Council members, putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/910 (see annex I and enclosure);

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

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

(Signed) Abdou **Abarry**
President of the Security Council



Annex I

Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

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In accordance with the procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 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 Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security”. That draft resolution, contained in document S/2020/910 and enclosed herein, has been put into blue.

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I hereby put the abovementioned draft resolution to a vote. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period for this draft resolution will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 17 September 2020. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period will expire at 10 a.m. on Friday, 18 September 2020.

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 to the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division in the United Nations Secretariat (egian@un.org) signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the non-extendable 24-hour voting period set out above.

It is my intention to circulate a letter listing the outcome of the voting 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 morning of Friday, 18 September 2020.

(Signed) **Abdou Abarry**
President of the Security Council

Enclosure

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**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
draft resolution***The Security Council,*

Reaffirming its resolutions 1265 (1999), 1325 (2000), 1368 (2001), 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 1894 (2009), 2106 (2013), 2150 (2014), 2170 (2014), 2178 (2014), 2199 (2015), 2242 (2015), 2249 (2015), 2253 (2015), 2322 (2016), 2331 (2016), 2341 (2017), 2347 (2017), 2354 (2017), 2367 (2017), 2368 (2017), 2370 (2017), 2490 (2019) and its relevant presidential statements,

Reaffirming its respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and unity of Iraq, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as Da'esh) constitutes a global threat to international peace and security through its terrorist acts, its violent extremist ideology, its continued gross, systematic and widespread attacks directed against civilians, its violations of international humanitarian law and abuses of human rights, particularly those committed against women and children, and including those motivated by religious or ethnic grounds, and its recruitment and training of foreign terrorist fighters whose threat affects all regions and Member States,

Condemning the commission of acts by ISIL (Da'esh) involving murder, kidnapping, hostage-taking, suicide bombings, enslavement, sale into or otherwise forced marriage, trafficking in persons, rape, sexual slavery and other forms of sexual violence, recruitment and use of children, attacks on critical infrastructure, as well as its destruction of cultural heritage, including archaeological sites, and trafficking of cultural property,

Recognizing that the commission of such acts which may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide, is part of the ideology and strategic objectives of ISIL (Da'esh), and used by ISIL (Da'esh) as a tactic of terrorism, and that holding ISIL (Da'esh) members accountable, particularly those who bear the greatest responsibility, including in terms of leadership, which can include regional or mid level commanders, and the ordering and commission of crimes, will further expose this, and could assist in countering terrorism and violent extremism which can be conducive to terrorism, including by stemming financing and the continued flow of international recruits to the terrorist group ISIL (Da'esh),

Welcoming the considerable efforts of the Government of Iraq to defeat ISIL (Da'esh), and recalling its letter to the Secretary-General and Security Council dated 9 August 2017 calling for the assistance of the international community to ensure that members of ISIL (Da'esh) are held accountable for their crimes in Iraq, including where those may amount to crimes against humanity (S/2017/710),

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 2379 (2017), by which the Investigative Team, headed by a Special Adviser, was established; and recalls the terms of reference approved by the Council (S/2018/119);

2. *Takes note* of the request from the Government of Iraq contained in its letter dated 16 September 2020 (S/2020/909) and decides to extend until 18 September 2021 the mandate of the Special Adviser and the Team, with any further extension to be decided at the request of the Government of Iraq, or any other government that has requested the Team to collect evidence of acts that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide, committed by ISIL (Da'esh) in its territory, in accordance with its resolution 2379 (2017);

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to align the term of the Special Adviser with the term of this mandate and to renew the Special Adviser's term to 18 September 2021;

4. *Requests* the Special Adviser to continue to submit and present reports to the Council on the team's activities every 180 days;

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

Annex II**Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the President of the Security Council's letter of 17 September 2020 relating to the draft resolution on the Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL (S/2020/910).

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of resolutions under the current extraordinary circumstance caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, I am pleased to indicate that Belgium votes in favour of this draft resolution. At this stage, my delegation does not intend to deliver an explanation of vote.

(Signed) Philippe **Kridelka**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations

Annex III

Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I would like to thank you and your team for the strong support in facilitating the voting procedure.

Please be kindly informed that China votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2020/910) submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

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

Annex IV**Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Special Envoy to the Security Council of the Dominican Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to your letter dated 17 September 2020, regarding the Security Council draft resolution contained in document S/2020/910, under the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security”.

Upon instructions from my Government, the delegation of the Dominican Republic votes in favour of the abovementioned draft resolution.

(Signed) José **Singer Weisinger**
Ambassador

Special Envoy to the Security Council of the Dominican Republic

Annex V

Letter dated 17 September 2020 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 United Nations Charter, my delegation votes in favour of the draft resolution regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL, contained in document S/2020/910.

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

Annex VI**Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: French]

In reference to your letter of 17 September, calling on Council members to vote on the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security”, issued in blue in document S/2020/910, France votes in favour.

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

Annex VII

Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

It is my honour to write to you in response to your letter dated 17 September 2020, initiating a written voting procedure, in line with the agreement reached among members of the Security Council.

The vote of the Federal Republic of Germany on the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security”, and as contained in document S/2020/910, is as follows:

The Federal Republic of Germany votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Christoph **Heusgen**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations

Annex VIII**Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing in reference to the letter by the Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, dated 17 September 2020, regarding the draft resolution concerning the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh /ISIL, under agenda item "Threats to international peace and security" (S/2020/910).

I hereby indicate that Indonesia votes in favour of the said draft resolution.

(Signed) Dian Triansyah **Djani**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations

Annex IX

Letter dated 17 September 2020 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 of the President of the Security Council dated 17 September 2020, calling on the members of the Council to indicate their votes on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/910, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security”.

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 said draft resolution.

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

Annex X**Letter dated 17 September 2020 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 of 17 September 2020, on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security” (S/2020/910).

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

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Annex XI

Letter dated 17 September 2020 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/2020/910) submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL.

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

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

Annex XII**Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to your letter dated 17 September 2020, regarding the draft resolution on the Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL, as contained in document S/2020/910.

The delegation of the Republic of South Africa votes in favour of the abovementioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Jerry Matthews **Matjila**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa

Annex XIII

Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to the letter dated 17 September 2020 emanating from the Permanent Representative of the Niger, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item "Threats to international peace and security", as contained in document S/2020/910, I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of that draft resolution.

(Signed) Tarek **Ladeb**
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Tunisia to the United Nations

Annex XIV**Letter dated 18 September 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

With reference to the letter from the President of the Security Council of 17 September 2020, the United Kingdom votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2020/910), submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item "Threats to international peace and security".

(Signed) Jonathan Allen
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland to the United Nations

Annex XV

Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the 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 Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security” (S/2020/910), the United States of America votes in favour.

(Signed) **Kelly Craft**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the United States of America
to the United Nations

Annex XVI**Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In reference to the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 17 September 2020 relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled “Threats to international peace and security”, as contained in document S/2020/910, I would like to hereby inform you that Viet Nam votes in favour of the said draft resolution.

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