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Letter dated 25 October 2024 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 23 October 2024 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established pursuant to Council resolution 1612 (2005) (see annex), based on the conclusions adopted by the Working Group on 6 September 2024 (see S/AC.51/2024/4).

(Signed) Pascale **Baeriswyl** President of the Security Council





Annex

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At a formal meeting held on 12 April 2024, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict of the Security Council examined the sixth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Colombia (S/2024/161), covering the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023, which was introduced by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. The Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations also addressed the Working Group. The Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Colombia (S/AC.51/2024/4) on 6 September 2024.

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014), 2225 (2015), 2427 (2018) and 2601 (2021), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to:

(a) Encourage you to continue to call upon all parties engaged in armed conflict in Colombia to fully respect international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as applicable;

(b) Request you to ensure the continued effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict in Colombia, including in support of the implementation of the agreement between the Government and the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia-Ejército del Pueblo (FARC-EP) for the separation and reintegration of children signed on 15 May 2016;

(c) Also request you to encourage the country task force on monitoring and reporting and other relevant United Nations entities to continue their engagement and efforts to support the Government in addressing the six grave violations committed against children affected by armed conflict, in particular with a view to engaging armed groups to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children in violation of international law, killing and maiming, rape and other forms of sexual violence, abductions, attacks on schools and hospitals and denial of humanitarian access.

> (Signed) Vanessa Frazier Chair Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict