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Letter dated 28 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 24 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 30 August 2024 ([S/AC.51/2024/3](#)).

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



Annex

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At a formal meeting held on 24 June 2024, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict of the Security Council examined the fifth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Iraq (S/2024/247), covering the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2023, which was introduced by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. The Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations also addressed the Working Group. The Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Iraq (S/AC.51/2024/3) on 30 August 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 Iraq to fully respect international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law and international refugee law, as applicable;

(b) Welcome the sustained efforts of your Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict and the country task force on monitoring and reporting to highlight the situation of children affected by armed conflict in Iraq, and also welcome the efforts to strengthen child protection in Iraq during and after the planned drawdown and withdrawal of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI);

(c) Request that you ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in Iraq and other relevant United Nations agencies continue their engagement and efforts to support the Government of Iraq to address violations and abuses committed against children in Iraq;

(d) Recognize the importance of the monitoring and reporting of violations and abuses against children, and request that you ensure the continued effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on the six grave violations against children in situations of armed conflict, as established by the Security Council in its resolution 1612 (2005) and further developed in subsequent resolutions, as well as the monitoring of the detention of children for actual or alleged association with armed groups;

(e) Request that you continue highlighting the impact on children of the contamination of Iraqi territory by explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices, to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in Iraq and other relevant United Nations agencies continue their work and engagement in this area, for greater international awareness, adequate funding and support for Iraq in promoting mine clearance, explosive ordnance risk education, victim assistance and stockpile destruction;

(f) Request that you ensure support for the remaining tasks of UNAMI to assist the efforts of the Government of Iraq to strengthen child protection, including the reintegration of children, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions.

(Signed) Vanessa **Frazier**
Chair

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict