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

I am forwarding to you a letter dated 19 November 2024 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict of the Security Council, based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 30 August 2024 ([S/AC.51/2024/2](#)).

(Signed) Barbara **Woodward**
President of the Security Council



Annex

During its formal meeting on 18 July 2022, 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 Somalia (S/2022/397), covering the period between 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2021, which was introduced by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. The Permanent Mission of Somalia did not address the Working Group. The Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Somalia on 30 August 2024 (S/AC.51/2024/2).

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, with:

(a) Encouraging you to continue to call upon all parties engaged in armed conflict in Somalia to fully respect international humanitarian law and international human rights, as applicable, noting your global call for an immediate cessation of hostilities, as supported in Security Council resolutions 2532 (2020) and 2565 (2021);

(b) Requesting you to ensure the effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism in Somalia and of the child protection component of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM), including by allocating sufficient dedicated child protection capacity to the component to, inter alia, monitor and report on violations and abuses committed against children, and to engage in dialogue with parties to armed conflict on action plans and their implementation, and to continue to include in your future reports information and analysis on children and armed conflict in Somalia, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions;

(c) Also requesting you to ensure that the United Nations continues its advocacy for the release and reintegration of children associated with armed groups and armed forces and of children detained for their alleged association with armed groups;

(d) Further requesting you to ensure that the United Nations country task force on monitoring and reporting prioritizes its efforts to ensure that the action plans and road map are fully implemented;

(e) Encouraging continued cooperation of the United Nations with the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia, in particular on the protection of children arrested and captured during military and security operations;

(f) Inviting you to request UNSOM, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and other relevant United Nations agencies, within their respective mandates, to continue to strengthen their efforts to support the Federal Government of Somalia and regional authorities in fighting impunity, implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child, establishing effective age verification mechanisms, mainstreaming the specific needs and protection of children affected by armed conflict into all disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes and security sector reforms and providing long-term rehabilitation and reintegration programmes to children.

(Signed) Vanessa **Frazier**
Chair

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