

The President of the Security Council presents her compliments to the members of the Council and has the honour to transmit herewith, for their information, a copy of a **letter dated 13 November 2020 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council**, and a draft reply thereto.

In the absence of any objection, it would be the intention of the President to send the reply to the Secretary-General, as drafted, on **Tuesday, 17 November 2020, at 5 p.m.**, and thereafter to circulate the text of both letters as documents of the Security Council.

13 November 2020



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

13 November 2020

Dear Madam President,

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2542 (2020) of 15 September 2020, in which the Security Council requested me to assess the steps required to reach a lasting ceasefire agreement in Libya, the possible role of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) in providing scalable ceasefire support, as well as to put forward an interim report with proposals for an effective ceasefire monitoring mechanism under the auspices of the United Nations, no later than 60 days after the adoption of the resolution.

Following the signature of the “Agreement for a Complete and Permanent Ceasefire in Libya” on 23 October 2020, which was welcomed by the Security Council in its Press Statement on Libya (SC/14339) of 23 October 2020, the Libyan parties have intensified their face-to-face interactions, and have pursued their discussions on the operationalization of the ceasefire agreement. In this regard, the UNSMIL-facilitated 5+5 Joint Military Commission (JMC) has met twice inside Libya and intends to convene again on 16 November 2020 to advance the design of the ceasefire monitoring mechanism.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Secretariat has established an inter-agency Libya Planning Team to prepare for possible support to the implementation of the ceasefire monitoring mechanism in an integrated and timely manner. To further inform internal planning, UNSMIL conducted preliminary logistical and security assessments in Sirte, where the Libyan ceasefire monitoring mechanism will likely be headquartered. However, critical elements of the mechanism are still being discussed by the Libyan parties within the framework of the 5+5 JMC. The outcome of the ongoing talks is essential for the United Nations Secretariat to move forward in its planning process.

In light of the above, I would like to request an extension of the deadline for the submission of my interim report to the Security Council until 30 December 2020. This will enable the Secretariat to submit to the Security Council an effective proposal for the ceasefire monitoring mechanism, which is informed by the ongoing talks.

Her Excellency  
Ms. Inga Rhonda King  
President of the Security Council  
New York

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council for its continued support for the ongoing efforts of Ms. Stephanie Williams, my Acting Special Representative, UNSMIL and the United Nations Country Team in Libya to bring peace and stability to the Libyan people.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Please accept, Madam President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



António Guterres

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\_\_ November 2020

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 13 November 2020 with reference to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2542 (2020), in which the Council requested an assessment of the steps required to reach a lasting ceasefire agreement in Libya, the possible role of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) in providing scalable ceasefire support, as well as an interim report with proposals for an effective ceasefire monitoring mechanism under the auspices of the United Nations has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

The members of the Council have taken note that the publication of the interim report will be delayed, and look forward to its publication by 30 December 2020.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Inga Rhonda King  
President of the Security Council

His Excellency  
Mr. António Guterres  
Secretary-General