

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 19 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 **Monday, 23 November 2020, at 5 p.m.**, and thereafter to circulate the text of both letters as documents of the Security Council.

19 November 2020



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

19 November 2020

Dear Madam President,

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2542 (2020) of 15 September 2020, which extends the mandate of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) until 15 September 2021, and requests that I appoint a Special Envoy on Libya to assume overall leadership of the Mission with a particular focus on good offices and mediation with Libyan and international actors to end the conflict in Libya.

I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Mr. Nickolay Mladenov (Bulgaria) as my Special Envoy on Libya and Head of UNSMIL. He succeeds Ms. Stephanie T. Williams (United States), who has served as my Acting Special Representative since 16 March 2020.

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Guterres', written over a long horizontal line that tapers to a point on the right side.

António Guterres

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

### **Biography: Nickolay Mladenov (Bulgaria)**

Mr. Mladenov brings with him extensive experience in public service and international affairs. He is currently the Secretary-General's Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, his Personal Representative to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority and in this capacity, his Envoy to the Quartet. He has also served as Special Representative for Iraq and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) from 2013 to 2015. He served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria from 2010 to 2013 and Minister of Defence of Bulgaria from 2009 to 2010. Previously, he was a Member of the European Parliament from 2007 to 2009) and a Member of the Parliament of Bulgaria from 2001 to 2005. Mr. Mladenov held several positions in the intergovernmental and non-governmental sectors, including at the World Bank and the European Institute.

Mr. Mladenov earned a Master of Arts in war studies at King's College London, in the United Kingdom, and both a master's and a bachelor's degree in international relations at the University of National and World Economy of Sofia, in Bulgaria.

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 19 November 2020 concerning your intention to appoint Mr. Nickolay Mladenov (Bulgaria) as your Special Envoy on Libya and Head of UNSMIL has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the intention expressed in your letter.

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

I. Rhonda King  
President of the Security Council

His Excellency  
Mr. António Guterres  
Secretary-General