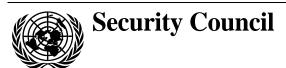
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Letter dated 17 February 2011 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1952 (2010) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, adopted on 29 November 2010, in which the Council requested me to extend, for a period expiring on 30 November 2011, the Group of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) and renewed by subsequent resolutions.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consulting with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, I have appointed the following experts:

Mr. Nelson Alusala, Kenya (arms)

Mr. Ruben de Koning, Netherlands (natural resources)

Mr. Steven Hege, United States of America (armed groups)

Ms. Marie Plamadiala, Republic of Moldova (customs and logistics)

Mr. Fred Robarts, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (regional issues)

I have also selected Mr. Robarts to serve as Coordinator of the Group of Experts.

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

(Signed) BAN Ki-moon



