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**Letter dated 26 December 2013 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General**

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 20 December 2013 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by the Security Council in its resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#), based on the Working Group's Conclusions on children and armed conflict in Yemen adopted on 6 December 2013 ([S/AC.51/2013/3](#)) (see annex).

(*Signed*) **Gérard Araud**  
President of the Security Council



## Annex

At its 39th meeting, on 26 July 2013, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict considered the first report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Yemen ([S/2013/383](#)), covering the period from July 2011 to March 2013. At its 42nd meeting on 6 December 2013, the Working Group adopted its Conclusions on children and armed conflict in Yemen ([S/AC.51/2013/3](#)).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable law and relevant international Security Council resolutions, including resolutions [1612 \(2005\)](#), [1882 \(2009\)](#), [1998 \(2011\)](#) and [2068 \(2012\)](#), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to:

(a) Commend the progress made by the Government of Yemen in developing and agreeing upon an action plan to halt recruitment and use of children in the government forces of Yemen, and in this regard, encourage the Government to sign and implement the action plan, and invite the Secretary-General to further strengthen the monitoring and reporting mechanism as needed;

(b) Note with appreciation the contact between the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and Al Houthi and the engagement of the Al Houthi leadership and the United Nations Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting in efforts to develop an action plan to end recruitment and use of children, in line with Security Council resolutions [1539 \(2004\)](#), [1612 \(2005\)](#), [1882 \(2009\)](#), [1998 \(2011\)](#) and [2068 \(2012\)](#);

(c) Strongly encourage the Secretary-General to ensure that relevant activities foreseen in the action plan are mainstreamed within the peacebuilding activities of the United Nations in Yemen, in particular the reintegration and rehabilitation of children and the development of sustainable livelihood opportunities for youth, in order to positively empower them and prevent their recruitment and use by parties to armed conflict.

(Signed) Sylvie **Lucas**  
Chair

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

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