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Letter dated 23 December 2014 from the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa for 2014, as endorsed by the members of the Working Group.

I would be grateful if the present letter and the attached report could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) U. Joy **Ogwu** Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa





Report on the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa for the period January-December 2014

I. Introduction

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa is a subsidiary organ of the Security Council, established pursuant to presidential statement S/PRST/2002/2, in which the Council recognized the need for adequate measures to prevent and resolve conflicts in Africa and indicated its intention to consider the setting-up of an Ad Hoc Working Group to monitor the recommendations contained in its presidential statement and to enhance coordination with the Economic and Social Council.

2. The Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, U. Joy Ogwu, was appointed as Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group for a one-year period ending 31 December 2014 (see S/2014/2/Rev.3). The present report reflects the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group conducted in 2014.

II. Activities of the Working Group in 2014

3. On 23 May 2014, the Working Group met to discuss preparations for the eighth annual joint consultative meeting between the United Nations Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council, which was scheduled to take place in New York in June 2014. A first draft of the joint communiqué to be adopted at the consultative meeting was discussed, as were the format and structure of the forthcoming consultative meeting, including which Security Council members would speak on the various agenda items (the situation in the Central African Republic, the situation in South Sudan, cooperation in combating terrorism in Africa, and strengthening cooperation between the United Nations Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council within the framework of the United Nations-African Union partnership).

4. The Working Group subsequently held consultations at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations, on 27 and 29 May, to continue work on the draft joint communiqué and to continue discussions on the proposed modalities for the meeting.

5. The eighth annual joint consultative meeting between the United Nations Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council was held at United Nations Headquarters on 6 June 2014. The meeting was co-chaired by Ambassador Vitaly Churkin (Russian Federation), President of the Security Council for the month of June 2014, and Ambassador Mull Sebujja Katende (Uganda), Chair of the Peace and Security Council for June 2014. The joint communiqué, prepared under the auspices of the Working Group, was adopted at that meeting (S/2014/400, annex).