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**Letter dated 23 March 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2271 (2016), adopted by the Council on 2 March 2016, by which it decided to extend the mandate of the Panel of Experts on South Sudan until 15 May 2016, as set out in paragraph 18 of resolution 2206 (2015).

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consulting with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan, I have administratively extended the appointments and contracts of the five individuals currently serving on the Panel of Experts established by the same resolution, whose contracts were set to expire on 3 April 2016, until a new resolution is adopted by the Council regarding the further extension of the mandate of the Panel.

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

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

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