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**Letter dated 9 July 2020 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 6 July 2020 (see annex) from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established pursuant to Council resolution [1612 \(2005\)](#), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 29 April 2020 ([S/AC.51/2020/2](#)).

(Signed) Christoph **Heusgen**
President of the Security Council



Annex**Letter dated 6 July 2020 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General**

At its 85th meeting, on 16 September 2019, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the fourth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Afghanistan ([S/2019/727](#)), which was introduced by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. The Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations also addressed the Working Group. The Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Afghanistan on 29 April 2020 ([S/AC.51/2020/2](#)).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions [1612 \(2005\)](#), [1882 \(2009\)](#), [1998 \(2011\)](#), [2068 \(2012\)](#), [2143 \(2014\)](#), [2225 \(2015\)](#) and [2427 \(2018\)](#), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to:

- (a) Request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in Afghanistan and other relevant United Nations agencies continue their engagement and efforts to support the Government of Afghanistan to address violations and abuses committed against children affected by armed conflict;
- (b) Recognizing the importance of the monitoring and reporting of violations and abuses against children and supporting the implementation of the 2011 Action Plan and the 2014 Road Map to Compliance, further request you to ensure the continued effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on violations and abuses against children in armed conflict in Afghanistan;
- (c) Request you to continue to give priority to the child protection activities and capacity of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and to continue to include in your future reports information and analysis on children and armed conflict in Afghanistan, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions;
- (d) Request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in Afghanistan and other relevant United Nations agencies continue their efforts to engage with all parties to the conflict for the purpose of developing and implementing an action plan with the United Nations to end and prevent the six grave violations against children affected by armed conflict.

(Signed) Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve
Chair
Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict