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Letter dated 30 August 2024 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 21 August 2024 ([S/2024/648](#)) concerning your recommendation to extend the mandate of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA) for a period of three years, including the draft mandate of UNOCA for the period 2024–2027, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

The members concur with the recommendation contained in your letter to extend the mandate of UNOCA, as set forth in the annex to the present letter, for a further period of three years, from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2027.

(Signed) Michael Imran **Kanu**
President of the Security Council



Annex

Draft mandate of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa for the period 2024–2027

Objective 1

Monitor political and security developments in Central Africa and carry out good offices on behalf of the Secretary-General in order to prevent and resolve conflicts, to help sustain peace and to advise the Secretary-General and United Nations entities in the region on sustaining peace issues in Central Africa

(a) Perform good offices on behalf of the Secretary-General to prevent and resolve conflicts, in particular in countries facing electoral or institutional crises or violent conflicts;

(b) Undertake regular early warning and analysis of, and report on, the situation in the countries of the subregion and regional trends, including from a gender perspective;

(c) Develop, in consultation with Member States, regional partners, civil society networks and local communities, including women and young people, integrated strategies for supporting national efforts to sustain peace and prevent conflicts in the region, and rally international and regional support for such strategies.

Objective 2

Enhance subregional capacities for conflict prevention and mediation in countries of the subregion, with due attention to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including human rights and gender dimensions

(a) Enhance the capacity of subregional actors, in particular the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), for conflict prevention, mediation and peace consolidation, as well as for advancing human rights and inclusive peace and democratic processes;

(b) Serve as the secretariat of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa and assist States in implementing the recommendations of the Committee, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions;

(c) Build partnerships with civil society, including women and youth groups, and support subregional civil society networks, in particular the Coalition of Civil Society Organizations for Peace and Conflict Prevention in Central Africa;

(d) Cooperate with regional and subregional organizations and mechanisms, in particular the African Union, ECCAS, the Central African Economic and Monetary Community, the Gulf of Guinea Commission, the Lake Chad Basin Commission, the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and other key partners, and assist them, as appropriate, in promoting and consolidating peace, security and stability and in addressing the root causes of conflicts in Central Africa, as well as in strengthening their capacities.

Objective 3

Support and enhance United Nations efforts in the subregion, as well as regional and subregional initiatives on peace and security, including from human rights and gender perspectives

(a) Promote, support and advocate United Nations, regional and subregional efforts to address the impact of persistent and emerging threats to peace and security,

including those related to the continued presence of armed groups such as the Lord's Resistance Army in the subregion and of terrorist groups in the Lake Chad basin and the Sahel region; maritime insecurity in the Gulf of Guinea; the proliferation of small arms and light weapons; the adverse implications of climate change, energy poverty, ecological changes and natural disasters; illicit trafficking in natural resources and wildlife; farmer-herder dynamics; and other cross-border threats, such as issues related to transhumance, as well as the regional dimension of security crises in some States of the subregion;

(b) Promote and support, as appropriate, regional and subregional efforts to address the root causes of and achieve solutions to forced displacement;

(c) Rally subregional support for the peace process in the Central African Republic, in close cooperation with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic;

(d) Promote good governance, respect for the rule of law, human rights and the mainstreaming of gender in conflict prevention, management and resolution initiatives in Central Africa.

Objective 4

Enhance coherence and coordination in the work of the United Nations in the subregion on peace and security

(a) Increase internal United Nations exchanges, collaboration and joint initiatives within Central Africa, with a clear division of labour between UNOCA and other United Nations entities in the subregion;

(b) Enhance partnership with United Nations resident coordinators and country teams and with the Development Coordination Office to further support cross-border initiatives;

(c) Support United Nations country teams in helping to address structural conflict prevention efforts at the country level, including through contributions to common country assessments, United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and relevant sustaining peace strategies;

(d) Enhance collaboration and coordination with the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel in strengthening United Nations, regional and international efforts to address cross-cutting and cross-border challenges to peace and security;

(e) Advocate the priorities identified by United Nations entities in the subregion, including with regard to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and help to leverage the role of the African Union, ECCAS and other regional actors to that effect.