



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 July 2016

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 13 of Security Council resolution 2286 (2016), by which the Council requested that I provide recommendations on measures to enhance the protection of, and to prevent acts of violence against, the wounded and sick, medical personnel and humanitarian personnel exclusively engaged in medical duties, their means of transport and equipment, as well as hospitals and other medical facilities, and better ensure accountability for such acts of violence.

I wish to inform you that I have initiated consultations amongst relevant United Nations entities, as well as key non-governmental organizations and civil society groups involved in the provision of medical care and assistance in situations of armed conflict, in order to inform the content of the requested recommendations. I expect the consultation phase to be concluded by mid-August 2016, and my recommendations to be finalized shortly thereafter.

I would propose to transmit my recommendations to the Security Council by the end of August, during the presidency of Malaysia, as an annex to a letter to the President. I stand ready to present these recommendations to the Security Council at its convenience. To this end, I understand that New Zealand, as a co-drafter of resolution 2286 (2016), is presently considering including such a presentation on the agenda of the Security Council during its presidency in September 2016.

His Excellency  
Mr. Koro Bessho  
President of the Security Council  
New York




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I welcome again the adoption of resolution 2286 (2016) by the Security Council. Through this text, the Security Council demonstrated the willingness to address the critical issue of health care in armed conflicts, which is of increasing concern.

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

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

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To: CDC (through ODSG)

Please find attached for your approval *and signature,* a letter addressed to the SC President, welcoming the adoption of resolution 2286(2016) relating to recommendations on measures to enhance the protection of healthcare in armed conflict and providing an update on the process and revised timeline for submitting the recommendations.

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Political Unit  
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Note to the Secretary-General  
(Through the Deputy-Secretary-General)

**SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2286 (2016) –  
PROTECTION OF HEALTHCARE IN ARMED CONFLICT**

1. I am following up on my note dated 10 May regarding the Security Council's request in resolution 2286 (2016) for recommendations on measures to enhance the protection of healthcare in armed conflict. As discussed with your office, I am also annexing a draft letter to the President of the Security Council welcoming the adoption of resolution 2286 (2016) and providing an update on the process and revised timeline for submitting the recommendations.
2. Since the adoption of the resolution, OCHA has continued discussions with UN entities and key non-governmental actors, including the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), on the possible structure and general content of the draft recommendations. There is broad consensus, notably on the idea that the recommendations should put the onus primarily on parties to conflict, Member States and the Security Council, and consist of practical measures that do not simply repeat resolution 2286 (2016) or international law. OCHA is in the process of finalizing a draft set of recommendations along these lines, based on input received from these various entities. However, some key partners, including MSF and UNICEF, have informed us that they would need some more time to provide input, which in turn will delay the process slightly.
3. Furthermore, Japan had confirmed that the agenda of the Security Council for the month of July does not allow for a briefing on the recommendations. New Zealand has informed us that they are considering putting such a briefing on the September agenda, during their presidency. The same proposed letter mentioned above to the President of the Security Council suggests that New Zealand, as a co-drafter of resolution 2286 (2016), consider holding such a briefing during its Security Council presidency in September.
4. I would therefore propose to submit to you a draft set of recommendations by mid-August, for transmission to the Security Council by the end of August. I will continue to keep you apprised of developments as they arise.

cc: Ms. Chan  
Ms. Bangura  
Mr. Feltman  
Mr. Ladsous  
Mr. Lake  
Ms. Zerrougui

For: Stephen O'Brien  
18 July 2016

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**Fw: Note to the SG - Security Council resolution 2286 (2016) on protection of  
Healthcare in Armed Conflict**

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Dear Jan,

Please find attached the note and a draft letter to the Secretary-General on protection of  
Healthcare in Armed Conflict. I would be grateful if you could kindly submit this to the  
Secretary-General.



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Many thanks,

Stephen