



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

21 November 2013

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to transmit the attached letters dated 30 October and 19 November 2013 from Judge Theodor Meron, President of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

In his letters, Judge Meron requests the extension of the term of office of 14 permanent judges of the Trial and Appeals Chambers and three *ad litem* judges of the Trial Chamber of the ICTY until the dates set out therein or until the completion of the cases to which they are or will be assigned, if sooner.


I recall that, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2081 (2012) of 17 December 2012 and General Assembly decision 67/417 of 24 December 2012, the current term of office of the judges of the Appeals Chamber and of the Trial Chamber is set to expire on 31 December 2013. However, it is evident from the updated trial and appeals schedules attached to Judge Meron's letters that the cases to which these judges are or will be assigned will not be completed by the end of this year. Therefore, it is necessary to extend the term of office of these judges beyond 31 December 2013.

It falls to the Security Council and the General Assembly to consider and decide on these requests. Accordingly, I would be grateful if you would bring the letters from Judge Meron to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

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


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Letter to Pres SECCO
Re. ICTY Judges
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