



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

14 July 2014

Dear Mr. President,


I refer to Security Council resolution 2157 (2014) of 29 May 2014, by which the Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS) for a period of six months, from 1 June 2014 until 30 November 2014. I have taken note of the request made by the Council for me to conduct a comprehensive review of the mandate of UNIOGBIS to ensure that it is aligned with the priorities identified by the Government and to report on the findings of such a review by 30 October 2014.

I am concerned that, while it would be possible to deploy an assessment mission to Guinea-Bissau in August 2014 to conduct the comprehensive review, the newly-elected Government of Guinea-Bissau will only have had less than one month to identify and consult on the country's important, long-term priorities.

I would therefore like to request that the Council consider granting a technical rollover of the UNIOGBIS mandate for a period of three months, from 1 December 2014 until 28 February 2015. This would enable me to deploy an assessment mission to Bissau in November 2014 to define how best UNIOGBIS could support the Government in implementing its key priorities. The report of the mission would therefore be submitted to the Council by 31 January 2015.

I would be grateful if the Security Council could give consideration to my request.

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

  
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