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Letter dated 28 July 1999 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that you transmit the following resolution of the Security Council (resolution 1253 (1999)) on the admission of the Kingdom of Tonga to membership in the United Nations, adopted by the Security Council at its 4026th meeting on 28 July 1999, to the resumed fifty-third session of the General Assembly:

"The Security Council,

"Having examined the application of the Kingdom of Tonga for admission to the United Nations (S/1999/793),¹

Recommends to the General Assembly that the Kingdom of Tonga be admitted to membership in the United Nations."

I would point out that, when adopting the aforementioned resolution, the Security Council decided to have recourse to the provisions of the last paragraph of rule 60 of its provisional rules of procedure in order to submit its recommendation to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

In accordance with rule 60, paragraph 2, of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I also request that you transmit to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, for its information, the verbatim records of the 4024th and 4026th meetings of the Security Council, at which the application of the Kingdom of Tonga was considered.

(Signed) Hasmy **Agam** President of the Security Council

¹ A/53/10-S/1999/793.