



## Security Council

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### Letter dated 3 April 2025 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution [2767 \(2024\)](#) of 27 December 2024, in which the Council requested me to carry out, in consultation with the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, the Federal Republic of Somalia and international stakeholders, an independent strategic review of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS) and to submit it to the Council and the General Assembly by 1 April 2025. The purpose of the review is to enable the hybrid implementation, from 1 July 2025, of the framework established by resolution [2719 \(2023\)](#) for the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM).

Pursuant to resolution [2767 \(2024\)](#), an independent strategic review was co-chaired by Maman Sidikou (Republic of the Niger) and Neil Cole (Republic of South Africa), with the support of a joint technical team comprising members from the African Union Commission and the United Nations Secretariat. The team held consultations in Mogadishu, Addis Ababa and New York, engaging in discussions with the Government of Somalia, troop-contributing countries and international partners. The report on the review was circulated in the last week of March 2025.

Following consultations with the African Union, we are now in the final stages of assessing the recommendations of the independent strategic review. However, additional time is needed to complete that process. I therefore wish to request an extension of the deadline for the submission of the report, which I now intend to submit no later than 30 April 2025.

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

*(Signed)* António **Guterres**

