

**22 January 2004**

Letter (UN archives); *Somalia*

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1519 (2003) adopted by the Security Council on 16 December 2003, concerning Somalia. In paragraph 2 of the resolution, the Security Council requested me to establish a Monitoring Group composed of up to four experts, for a period of 6 months commencing as soon as possible from the date of the adoption of the resolution, to be based in Nairobi, with a mandate referred to in paragraph 2 (a) through (f) which should focus on the ongoing arms embargo violations, including transfers of ammunition, single use weapons, and small arms.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia I have appointed the following experts:

1. Mr. Melvin E. Holt, Jr. (United States of America)
2. Mr. Li Changsheng (China)
3. Mr. John E. Tambi (Sierra Leone)
4. Mr. Joel Salek (Colombia)

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

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