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EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE SECRETARY-GENERAL*Document prepared by the Secretary-General**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

1. The Council, at its thirty-second extraordinary session, held in Geneva on March 27, 2015, extended the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General, Mr. Peter John Button, from December 1, 2015, until November 30, 2018 (see document C(Extr.)/32/9 "Report on the Decisions", paragraph 7).

2. In light of the performance of the Vice Secretary-General, after consultation with the President of the Council, and in accordance with past practice, the Secretary-General recommends the extension of the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General until November 30, 2021. A report on the conclusions of the Consultative Committee, at its ninety-fourth session, to be held in Geneva on October 25, 2017, concerning the above recommendation will be made to the Council, at its fifty-first ordinary session, to be held in Geneva on October 26, 2017 (see document C/51/18 "Report by the President on the work of the ninety-fourth session of the Consultative Committee; adoption of recommendations, if any, prepared by that Committee").

3. The Council is invited to extend the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General from December 1, 2018, until November 30, 2021.

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