

**Security Council**

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Letter dated 20 May 2004 from the representatives of Canada, Ireland, Jordan, Liechtenstein and Switzerland addressed to the President of the Security Council

We have the honour to request that, in accordance with the relevant provision of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Security Council convene a public meeting and invite interested States to speak in the Council's discussions on the proposed renewal of Security Council resolution 1487 (2003).

The proposed renewal of that resolution has implications of direct import to Member States, including those Member States that are parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, relating to international peacekeeping, fundamental questions of international law, and the role of the Council in promoting law and accountability. We believe that there would be some benefit to the issue being thoroughly discussed in the wider United Nations membership.

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(Signed) H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid **Al-Hussein**

Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on behalf of the members of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court: Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Gabon, Malta, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay

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