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**Letter dated 23 June 2020 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Pursuant to paragraphs 42 and 64 of Security Council resolution [2480 \(2019\)](#), I have the honour to transmit to the Security Council a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations conveying the report on actions undertaken by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 1 March to 31 May 2020 (see annex).

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

*(Signed)* António **Guterres**



## **Annex**

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations Secretariat, and has the honour to convey the information below.

Pursuant to paragraphs 42 and 64 of Security Council resolution [2480 \(2019\)](#) of 28 June 2019, France is enclosing herewith the report on actions undertaken by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 1 March to 31 May 2020 (see enclosure).

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations would be grateful if the Secretary-General could bring this report to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

## Enclosure

### **Report No. 28 on the operational support provided by French forces to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 1 March to 31 May 2020**

#### **References**

- Security Council resolution [2480 \(2019\)](#), of 28 June 2019 (paras. 42 and 64)
- Technical cooperation and assistance arrangement between the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the French Ministry of Armed Forces of 26 March 2015

The Barkhane force provided the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) with the following operational support during the period covered by this report:

#### **Operations**

- None

#### **Intelligence**

- The Barkhane force provided weekly updates and some 40 intelligence documents every month.
- The force provided intelligence support, including by disseminating documents concerning improvised explosive device disposal from the Counter-IED Exploitation Laboratory (CIEL), J2 analysis products and lessons learned from operations.

#### **Engineering**

##### *Aeronautical engineering*

- The French aeronautical engineering detachment (25th Air Engineer Regiment), under a MINUSMA letter of assist, maintains the Gao airfield in operational condition.
- The French aeronautical engineering detachment (25th Air Engineer Regiment) mentors the MINUSMA detachment in Tessalit in relation to the maintenance of unpaved airfields.
- The aeronautical engineering officer at the engineering branch of the joint forces headquarters is overseeing a project to construct a runway in Kidal, Mali. The 25th Air Engineer Regiment has provided a team of explosive ordnance disposal specialists for the explosives analysis phase and the clearing of the site of the future runway and a team to build the runway.
- The force provided logistics support for the construction of the camp in Labézanga for the Malian armed forces.

##### *Countering improvised explosive devices*

- The Barkhane engineers carried out two IED sweeps in Camp Castor (a MINUSMA camp) for the German detachment in May 2020.
- Counter-IED teams share information, expertise and data on a daily basis as part of the effort to combat explosive devices. After the Ménaka camp was hit by

indirect fire, various reports by the French forces containing expert analysis of ammunition and explosives were shared.

### **Logistics**

Since 1 March 2020, the Bharkane force has transported 91 persons and no goods for MINUSMA, which involved 40 hours and 40 minutes of flight time.

### **Health**

The Barkhane force role 1 and 2 medical services are able to support MINUSMA in the event of an influx of injuries or under exceptional circumstances. Bilateral agreements allow MINUSMA personnel of certain nationalities to have access to routine and emergency consultations, paramedical care, dental care and surgical procedures. Such services were rendered exclusively by the role 2 medical service in Gao and comprised:

- 2 surgical procedures (visceral surgery)
  - 2 cases of treatment of war wounded
  - 2 hospitalizations
  - 414 instances of paramedical care
  - 48 specialized consultations
  - 31 radiographic examinations
  - 36 biological tests
  - 16 dental consultations
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