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Letter dated 23 December 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with paragraph 26 of Security Council resolution 2164 (2014), I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 18 November 2014, from the Permanent Mission of France to the Security Council, conveying a report on the actions undertaken by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) from 18 September to 2 December 2014 (see annex).

I would appreciate it if the present letter and its annex were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon



Annex

Pursuant to paragraph 18 of Security Council resolution 2100 (2013), please find enclosed the report on actions undertaken since 18 September 2014 by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

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

Enclosure

Report on operational support provided by French forces for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, from 18 September to 2 December 2014

The present report, submitted pursuant to paragraph 26 of Security Council resolution 2164 (2014), describes the actions undertaken by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), from 18 September to 2 December 2014.

The report is the second of its kind since the adoption of resolution 2164 (2014), in which the Council extended the mandate of MINUSMA by one additional year, and the sixth since MINUSMA was established.

Pursuant to paragraph 18 of Security Council resolution 2100 (2013), France submitted four reports to the Security Council which outlined six combat actions undertaken in response to an “imminent and serious threat” and highlighted the work of the liaison and operational support detachments for MINUSMA, as well as the support of French forces in caring for the wounded.

Since 18 September 2014, no combat action has been undertaken in response to an “imminent and serious threat”.

Nonetheless, it is worth noting the quality of the support provided by French forces to MINUSMA in several areas:

- Seven interventions were carried out by explosive ordnance disposal teams of liaison and operational support detachments 2 (Kidal) and 5 (Tessalit) for MINUSMA units that had been the victims of incidents or that had discovered explosive devices.
- Through many coordinated activities and the direct support of French specialists (explosive ordnance disposal, medical teams, intelligence), the French liaison and operational support detachments supported certain MINUSMA battalions in fulfilling their mission to control the major cities and highways in the north of Mali.
- As part of the support provided by French forces in caring for wounded MINUSMA elements, three health support missions were undertaken:
 - On 2 September, following the explosion of a vehicle of the Chadian battalion 30 km north of Kidal, eight wounded elements were evacuated by air (CASA “Nurse”, a tactical medical transport aircraft) to the Chinese role II medical facility in Gao.
 - On 19 September, following the explosion of a vehicle after it struck a mine in Aguelhok, six wounded members of the Chadian battalion were evacuated by helicopter to the Chinese role II medical facility.
 - On 2 December, following the explosion of their vehicle after it struck a mine in Aguelhok, two of the four Chadians wounded in the incident were cared for by the French role II medical facility in Gao.

In coordination with MINUSMA headquarters, French forces also supported the Chadian contingent in Aguelhok to consolidate its position in its area of deployment as follows:

- Support provided by liaison and operational support detachment 5 from 4 to 12 October in respect of training (counter-improvised explosive device, health);
 - Transport by land and air of weapons and materiel for the Chadian contingent between Gao and Aguelhok.
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