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### Letter dated 20 March 2019 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to the letter dated 28 February 2019 from Ambassador Anatolio Ndong Mba, I have the honour to confirm that the members of the Security Council have agreed to send a mission to the Sahel from 21 to 25 March 2019. The members have agreed on the terms of reference of the mission (see annex).

The mission will be co-led by Ambassador Kacou Houadja Léon Adom (Côte d'Ivoire), Ambassador François Delattre (France) and Ambassador Christoph Heusgen (Germany).

Following consultations with the members, it has been agreed that the composition of the mission will be as follows:

Ambassador Marc Pecsteen de Buytsverve (Belgium)  
Mr. Dianbin Zhang (China)  
Ambassador Kacou Houadja Léon Adom (Côte d'Ivoire)  
Ambassador José Singer Weisinger (Dominican Republic)  
Ambassador Job Obiang Esono Mbengono (Equatorial Guinea)  
Ambassador François Delattre (France)  
Ambassador Christoph Heusgen (Germany)  
Ambassador Dian Triansyah Djani (Indonesia)  
Mr. Bader Almunayekh (Kuwait)  
Ambassador Gustavo Meza-Cuadra (Peru)  
Ambassador Joanna Wronecka (Poland)  
Mr. Dmitry A. Polyanskiy (Russian Federation)  
Ambassador Jerry Matthews Matjila (South Africa)  
Ambassador Stephen Hickey (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)  
Mr. Rodney Hunter (United States of America)

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) François **Delattre**  
President of the Security Council



## Annex

### Terms of reference of the Security Council mission to the Sahel

1. The Security Council will carry out a mission to the Sahel from 21 to 25 March 2019.
2. The mission will be carried out within the framework of Security Council resolutions [2391 \(2017\)](#), [2423 \(2018\)](#) and [2432 \(2018\)](#), the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution [2423 \(2018\)](#) ([S/2019/207](#)) and Council statements to the press issued as SC/13584 (2018), SC/13667 (2019) and SC/13678 (2019), as well as the statement by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#) concerning Mali issued as SC/13638 (2018).
3. The mission will visit Mali and Burkina Faso for meetings on the implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali, on the efforts of the Group of Five for the Sahel and on the situation in Burkina Faso.
4. The mission will be co-led by France, Germany and Côte d'Ivoire.
5. The objectives of the mission are as follows:

#### *Implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali*

(a) To prepare for the meeting of the Security Council aimed at discussing the way forward regarding the implementation of the Agreement and the future of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 6 of resolution [2423 \(2018\)](#);

(b) To assess the implementation of the priority measures referenced in paragraph 4 of resolution [2423 \(2018\)](#), as well as of the commitments contained in the Pact for Peace signed between the Government of Mali and the United Nations, and to enquire about steps envisaged by the Malian parties for the implementation of outstanding measures;

(c) To follow up on the provisions of resolution [2423 \(2018\)](#) expressing the intent of the Council, in the absence of significant progress by 4 March 2019 (six months after the presidential inauguration) in the implementation of the priority measures and commitments mentioned above, to request the Secretary-General to provide options for potential significant adaptation of MINUSMA after the expiration of its current mandate;

(d) To draw the attention of all relevant actors to the provisions of resolution [2423 \(2018\)](#) expressing the intention of the Council to follow closely the timely implementation of the road map adopted on 22 March 2018 and to respond with measures pursuant to resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#) should the parties not implement the agreed-upon commitments within the announced time frame, and to further recall, in this context, the listing decision of 20 December 2018 of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#) concerning Mali;

(e) To assess the current situation in central Mali, be informed of the measures taken by the Government of Mali to develop and implement an integrated response to this situation and discuss how the international community, including MINUSMA, can support these ongoing efforts;

(f) To insist on the necessity of ensuring adequate coordination, exchange of information and, when applicable, support, within their respective mandates and through existing mechanisms, between MINUSMA, the Malian Defence and Security

Forces, the Joint Force of the Group of Five for the Sahel, the French forces and the European Union missions in Mali;

(g) To underline Council messages contained in resolutions [2423 \(2018\)](#) and [2432 \(2018\)](#) and Council statements to the press issued as SC/13667 (2019) and SC/13678 (2019), as well as the statement by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [2374 \(2017\)](#) concerning Mali issued as SC/13638 (2018), including those related to the implementation of the Agreement; the MINUSMA mandate; other security presences in Mali and the Sahel region; the situation in central Mali; capacities of MINUSMA and the security and safety of MINUSMA personnel; obligations under international law, human rights policy and related aspects; environmental issues; and small arms and light weapons;

#### *Group of Five for the Sahel*

(h) To assess the level of operationalization of the Joint Force, as well as the concurrent efforts implemented by the Group of Five in the political and development fields;

(i) To hear from the Burkinabe rotating presidency of the Group of Five on its priorities;

(j) To reiterate the intention of the Council to continue to monitor closely the situation and to discuss international support for the Joint Force, after its full operationalization and in parallel to its first operational results;

(k) To assess the implementation of the technical agreement between the United Nations, the European Union and the Group of Five;

(l) To assess the level of operationalization of the compliance framework to prevent, investigate, address and publicly report violations and abuses of human rights law and violations of international humanitarian law related to the Joint Force; to further assess the state of play in the deployment of the police component of the Joint Force, with a view to ensuring the coordination necessary between the Joint Force and the criminal justice systems of Group of Five States;

(m) To underline Council messages contained in resolution [2391 \(2017\)](#) and Council statement to the press issued as SC/13584 (2018), including those related to the operationalization and status of the Joint Force; the Groupe de soutien; the coordination of international support, bilateral support and United Nations support; as well as obligations under international law and human rights policy;

#### *Burkina Faso*

(n) To assess the current security situation in Burkina Faso, including regarding the evolving threat posed by terrorism and transnational organized crime;

(o) To demonstrate the Council's interest in contributing to the prevention of the further destabilization of the security situation in parts of the country that are subject to cross-border challenges and that have a bearing on peace and security in the Sahel;

(p) To contribute to the current assessment process led by the United Nations in order to adapt its support on the ground to the evolving needs of the population, in accordance with the priorities of the Government of Burkina Faso.

6. The mission will seek to achieve these objectives through meetings with, among others:

*Mali*

- Government of Mali
- MINUSMA
- Actors involved in the implementation of the Agreement in Mali, including the parties, members of the international mediation and the independent observer
- Representatives from the security presences mentioned in resolution [2423 \(2018\)](#)
- Members of Malian civil society organizations (with a focus on the participation of women and young people in the implementation of the Agreement, the situation in central Mali, sexual violence in conflict and the link between climate and security in the Sahel region)

*Group of Five for the Sahel*

- Burkinabe rotating presidency of the Group of Five for the Sahel
- Permanent secretary of the Group of Five
- Force Commander of the Joint Force of the Group of Five
- Representatives of MINUSMA and the European Union involved in the implementation of the technical agreement
- Representatives of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights involved in the implementation of the compliance framework
- Representatives of partners involved in the support of the efforts of the Group of Five in the development field

*Burkina Faso*

- Government of Burkina Faso
- Members of Burkinabe civil society organizations and representatives of Burkinabe local authorities (with a focus on the security situation, protection of civilians, women's participation in peacebuilding and conflict prevention, and the protection of children)
- United Nations country team in Burkina Faso and the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel

7. The mission will hold a commemorative ceremony to pay tribute to the peacekeepers who lost their lives while serving in MINUSMA.

8. The mission will seek to implement lessons learned from previous Security Council missions, including regarding modalities of association of representatives from relevant regional organizations.

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