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Letter dated 31 August 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2541 (2020), in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Mali”. The resolution was adopted on 31 August 2020 in accordance with the voting procedure set out in the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 27 March 2020 (S/2020/253), a procedure agreed in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic

Pursuant to that procedure, I enclose herewith copies of the related documents:

My letter dated 28 August 2020, addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council (see annex I), putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/850 (see enclosure to annex I);

Letters received in reply from members of the Security Council indicating their national position on the draft resolution (annexes II to XVI);

Statements subsequently submitted by members of the Security Council providing explanations of their votes (annexes XVII and XVIII).

The present letter and its annexes will be issued as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dian Triansyah **Djani**
President of the Security Council



Annex I

Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

In accordance with the procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, as set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to all members of the Council (S/2020/253), I would like to draw your attention to the following.

The members of the Council have discussed a draft resolution, submitted by France, in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Mali”. The draft resolution, contained in document S/2020/850 and enclosed herein, has been put into blue.

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I hereby put the above-mentioned draft resolution to a vote. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period for the draft resolution will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, 28 August 2020. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period will expire at 10 a.m. on Monday, 31 August 2020.

Please submit your vote (in favour, against or abstention) on that draft resolution and possible explanation of vote by sending the Officer-in-Charge of the Security Council Affairs Division of the Secretariat (montejo@un.org) a letter signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the non-extendable 24-hour voting period set out above.

It is my intention to circulate a letter listing the outcome of the voting within three hours of the conclusion of the 24-hour voting period. I also intend to convene a video-teleconference of the Security Council to announce the outcome of the voting shortly after the conclusion of the voting period, on the afternoon of Monday, 31 August 2020.

(Signed) Dian Triansyah Djani
President of the Security Council

Enclosure

United Nations

S/2020/850

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France: draft resolution*The Security Council,*

Recalling all its previous resolutions, statements of its President and press statements on the situation in Mali,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Mali, *emphasizing* that the Malian authorities have primary responsibility for the provision of stability and security throughout the territory of Mali, and *underscoring* the importance of achieving national ownership of peace- and security-related initiatives,

Recalling the provisions of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali (“the Agreement”) calling upon the Security Council to give its full support to the Agreement, to closely monitor its implementation and, if necessary, to take measures against anyone hindering the implementation of the commitments contained therein or the realization of its objectives,

Expressing its deep concern regarding the recent developments in Mali, *strongly condemning* the mutiny which happened in Kati, on 18 August 2020, *underlining* the urgent need to restore rule of law and to move towards the return to constitutional order, *reiterating* its strong support to the Economic Community of West African States’ (ECOWAS) initiatives and mediation efforts in Mali, and *expressing* its readiness to discuss this matter, in the course of the year, in light of the potential implications of these recent developments on the implementation of the Agreement,

Recognizing that some progress was made during the past eight months in the implementation of the Agreement, and that a combination of some level of political will and international pressure, including through the prospect of sanctions, constituted important factors in securing this progress, *expressing* a significant sense of impatience with parties over the persistent delays in the full implementation of key provisions of the Agreement, *further noting* that continued delays in implementation contribute to a political and security vacuum jeopardizing the stability and development of Mali as well as the viability of the Agreement, *stressing* the need for increased ownership and prioritization in the implementation of the Agreement, and *further stressing* the importance of the full, effective and meaningful participation of women in the mechanisms established by the Agreement to support and monitor its implementation,

Strongly condemning all abuses and violations of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law in Mali, *calling upon* all parties to bring an end to such violations and abuses and to comply with their obligations under applicable international law,

Recalling the provisions of resolution 2531 (2020) urging the Malian parties to take immediate and concrete action, in a spirit of genuine cooperation, to fulfil the priority measures listed in its paragraph 3 before the end of MINUSMA's current mandate, encouraging the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) ("the Panel of Experts") to identify parties responsible for potential lack of implementation of these priority measures through its regular reporting and interim updates, and expressing its intent, should these priority measures not be implemented by the end of MINUSMA's current mandate, to respond with measures pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) on individuals and entities who are thus obstructing or threatening the implementation of the Agreement,

Stressing that all parties to the Agreement share the primary responsibility to make steadfast progress in its implementation,

Taking note of the decisions of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) concerning Mali ("the Committee") of 20 December 2018 and 10 July 2019 that several individuals be placed on the list of individuals and entities subject to measures pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) ("the 2374 Sanctions List") and *further taking note* of the intention of the Committee to consider the removal of these individuals from the 2374 Sanctions List if the priority measures listed in paragraph 3 of resolution 2531 (2020) are fully implemented and the individuals designated cease all illicit activities, including those listed in the statement of case, while *stressing* that the Security Council has not yet seen sufficient progress to merit such consideration,

Reiterating that individuals or entities placed on the 2374 Sanctions List shall not benefit from any financial, operational or logistical support from United Nations entities deployed in Mali, until their removal from the 2374 Sanctions List and without prejudice to the exemptions set by paragraphs 2, 5, 6 and 7 of resolution 2374 (2017), *welcoming* the measures already taken by United Nations entities deployed in Mali to ensure these individuals or entities do not benefit from such support, and *reiterating* its request made in resolution 2531 (2020) for the Secretary-General to include in his next quarterly report on MINUSMA an update on these measures,

Taking note of the final report (S/2020/785) of the Panel of Experts,

Noting the importance of continued cooperation and information exchange between the Panel of Experts and all other United Nations entities operating in Mali, within their mandates and capabilities,

Determining that the situation in Mali continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to renew until 31 August 2021 the measures as set out in paragraphs 1 to 7 of resolution 2374 (2017);

2. *Reaffirms* that these measures shall apply to individuals and entities as designated by the Committee, as set forth in paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 2374 (2017);

3. *Decides* to extend until 30 September 2021 the mandate of the Panel of Experts, as set out in paragraphs 11 to 15 of resolution 2374 (2017), as well as the request to MINUSMA, as set out in paragraph 16 of resolution 2374 (2017), *expresses*

its intention to review the mandate and take appropriate action regarding its further extension no later than 31 August 2021, and *requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures as expeditiously as possible to re-establish the Panel of Experts, in consultation with the Committee, drawing, as appropriate, on the expertise of the current members of the Panel of Experts;

4. *Requests* the Panel of Experts to provide to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, a midterm report no later than 28 February 2021, a final report no later than 15 August 2021, and periodic updates in between, as appropriate;

5. *Reaffirms* the reporting and review provisions as set out in resolution 2374 (2017);

6. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Annex II

Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the President of the Security Council's letter of 28 August relating to the draft resolution on Mali (S/2020/850).

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of resolutions under the current extraordinary circumstance caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, I am pleased to indicate that Belgium votes in favour of this draft resolution. At this stage, my delegation does not intend to deliver an explanation of vote.

(Signed) Mr. Philippe **Kridelka**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations

Annex III

Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I thank you and your team for the continued strong support in facilitating the voting procedure.

Please be kindly informed that China votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2020/850) submitted by France for the mandate renewal of the Mali sanctions regime.

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations

Annex IV

Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Special Envoy to the Security Council of the Dominican Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to your letter dated 28 August 2020 regarding draft resolution S/2020/850 under agenda item “The situation in Mali”.

Upon instructions from my Government, the delegation of the Dominican Republic votes in favour of the abovementioned draft resolution.

(Signed) José **Singer Weisinger**

Ambassador

Special Envoy to the Security Council of the Dominican Republic

Annex V**Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, my delegation votes in favour of the draft resolution submitted by France in connection with the agenda item entitled "The situation in Mali" and contained in document S/2020/850.

(Signed) Mr. Gert Auväärt
Counsellor
Chargé d'affaires of Estonia to the United Nations

Annex VI

[Original: French]

Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In reference to the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 28 August calling on the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by France under the agenda item entitled "The situation in the Mali" (S/2020/850), France votes in favour.

(Signed) Anne **Gueguen**
Minister Counsellor
Chargé d'affaires of France to the United Nations

Annex VII**Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

It is my honour to write to you in response to the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 28 August 2020 initiating a written voting procedure, in line with the agreement reached between members of the Security Council.

The vote of the Federal Republic of Germany on the draft resolution submitted by France, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in Mali" and as contained in document S/2020/850 is as follows:

The Federal Republic of Germany votes in favour of the abovementioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Günter **Sautter**
Ambassador

Chargé d'affaires of Germany to the United Nations

Annex VIII

Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in reference to the letter by the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council, dated 28 August 2020, regarding the draft resolution for the extension of the Mali sanctions (S/2020/850).

I hereby indicate that Indonesia votes in favour of the said draft resolution.

(Signed) Dian Triansyah **Djani**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations

Annex IX**Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing in response to the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 28 August, calling on the members of the Council to express their votes on the draft resolution (S/2020/850), submitted by France under the item “The situation in Mali”.

In accordance with the agreed temporary procedures for the adoption of resolutions during the coronavirus disease pandemic restrictions, I have the honour to indicate that the Republic of the Niger decides to vote in favour of said draft resolution.

(Signed) Abdou **Abarry**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations

Annex X

Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28 August 2020 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item entitled “The situation in Mali” (S/2020/850).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of Security Council resolutions during the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic, outlined in the letter dated 27 March from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of draft resolution S/2020/850. Please find attached an explanation of vote in this regard.

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Annex XI**Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2020/850) submitted by France on the situation in Mali.

In this respect, I wish to inform you that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Inga Rhonda **King**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the
United Nations

Annex XII

Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to your letter dated 28 August 2020 regarding the draft Security Council resolution concerning the situation in Mali (sanctions) contained in document S/2020/850.

The delegation of the Republic of South Africa votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Jerry Matthews **Matjila**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations

Annex XIII**Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Further to the letter dated 28 August 2020 submitted by the Permanent Representative of Indonesia, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution submitted by France in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Mali” contained in document S/2020/850, I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of that draft resolution.

(Signed) Kais **Kabtani**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

Annex XIV

Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations

With reference to the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 28 August 2020, the United Kingdom votes in favour of draft resolution S/2020/850, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in Mali".

(Signed) James **Roscoe**
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations

Annex XV

Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On the draft resolution submitted by France in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Mali” (S/2020/850), the United States of America votes in favour.

(Signed) Kelly Craft

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations

Annex XVI

Letter dated 30 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the President of the Security Council

In reference to the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 28 August 2020 relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled “The situation in Mali” as contained in document S/2020/850, I would like to hereby inform you that Viet Nam votes in favour of said draft resolution.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations

Annex XVII**Statement by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations**

The Russian Federation voted in favour of resolution 2541 (2020), on the situation in Mali.

We are concerned at the recent events in Mali and consider the sanctions regime as a relevant tool to promote peace and security in that country.

At the same time, it is regrettable that our proposal to extend the mandate of the Panel of Experts with the task to provide the Committee with information on the potential delisting was not taken on board. Sanctions are not an end in and of themselves. We should create incentives to change the behaviour of those who are on the sanctions list. A delisting perspective could be one of them.

The sanctions committee should regularly receive updated and independent information from the Panel of Experts on the activities of designated individuals and entities. If they cease engaging in the prohibited activities, the Panel should have a clear mandate to propose delisting.

In general, the present delisting mechanisms in the country-specific sanctions regimes are extremely ineffective, and therefore cannot be used as an active instrument of the overall sanctions strategy. It is our priority, in cooperation with the members of the Security Council, to seek improvements to this unsatisfactory situation.

Annex XVIII**Statement by the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations**

The United States is deeply concerned about the recent developments in Mali and is monitoring the situation there closely. Although we have been made aware of reports of President Keita's release, we call on the mutinous officers to immediately release the other officials whom they have extrajudicially detained in good health and to pave the way towards a peaceful and productive return to constitutional order. If Malian officials are released from detention but continue to face implied threats and intimidation, then clearly the constitutional order is not being respected.

The United States is deeply troubled by the patterns of instability emerging in Mali. While we are encouraged by the regional and international efforts to restore order, those efforts may not bear fruit unless all participants agree to protect human rights and the rule of law.

We urge all Malian stakeholders to work towards a restoration of constitutional Government. We urge all stakeholders in Mali to engage in peaceful dialogue, respect Malians' rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, and to reject violence.

When the Council established the sanctions regime under resolution 2374 (2017), three years ago, we fully expected that it would send the people of Mali a strong signal that the international community is invested in bringing about lasting peace and security in their country and in holding accountable those who thwart that peace. The United States stands with the Malian people and our partners in support of the Algiers accord and calls on all parties to fully implement it without delay.

We voted to adopt resolution 2541 (2020) today because we are deeply committed to the goals that shaped this mandate, and chief among them is accountability. However, while our support for the sanctions regime under resolution 2374 (2017) remains firm, we are disappointed that the Council failed to seize this opportunity to further strengthen this mandate.

We are disappointed that we were unable to agree on the key role that human rights abuses play in perpetuating the cycle of violence in Mali and to highlight the important role of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali in protecting the Panel of Experts while they are on the ground in Mali.

However, we are encouraged by the progress that has been made since the Security Council first adopted resolution 2374 (2017), in 2017, but we all have much more work to do. The events that unfolded in Mali just a few weeks ago make this very clear and should spark a sense of urgency in all of us. Rest assured that the United States is watching the situation in Mali closely and that we will continue working with our partners to find a durable solution to this crisis. The Malian people deserve nothing less.

We stand ready to use all the tools available, especially this sanctions regime, to marginalize those who stand in the way of that goal. Furthermore, if strong action is warranted to marginalize spoilers, but we do not find a way forward in this body to take those actions, the United States will not hesitate to use our domestic sanctions authorities and look to our partners to join us in taking decisive action.