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Letter dated 12 January 2021 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to paragraphs 41 and 62 of Security Council resolution [2531 \(2020\)](#), I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 23 December 2020 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations conveying the report on the actions carried out by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 1 September to 1 December 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 41 and 62 of Security Council resolution [2531 \(2020\)](#), France is enclosing herewith the report on the actions carried out by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 1 September to 1 December 2020.

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

Enclosure

Report No. 30 on the operational support provided by French forces to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 1 September to 1 December 2020

References

- Security Council resolution [2531 \(2020\)](#) of 29 June 2020 (paragraphs 41 and 62)
- Agreement of 12 July 2013 between the Government of the French Republic and the United Nations on the provision, on a reimbursable basis, of goods and services in support of the operations of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), as amended on 11 July 2018
- 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 present report contains a summary of the support provided by French forces to MINUSMA from 1 September to 1 December 2020.

During the period covered, the Barkhane force provided MINUSMA with the operational support described below.

Operations

- None.

Intelligence

- The Barkhane force provided weekly updates.

Engineering

Aeronautical engineering

- In accordance with the agreement indicated in point (b) of the “References” section above, and pursuant to the letter of assist between France and MINUSMA of 2013 (amendment No. 9 of 22 September 2020), the French aeronautical engineering detachment (25th Air Engineer Regiment) has been maintaining the Gao airfield in operational condition.
- Pursuant to the letter of assist mentioned above, the 25th Air Engineer Regiment has also been mentoring the Cambodian detachment of MINUSMA in Tessalit in relation to the maintenance of unpaved airfields.
- The aeronautical engineering officer at the engineering branch of the joint forces headquarters has been overseeing a project to construct an unpaved (laterite) runway in Kidal.

Countering improvised explosive devices

- MINUSMA field headquarters, the United Nations Mine Action Service and the officer of the Barkhane force responsible for counter-improvised explosive device (IED) efforts have continued to exchange information on a near-daily basis.

- Twice a week, the level 2 Counter-IED Exploitation Laboratory has been alternately organizing and participating in information exchange meetings attended by counter-IED specialists of the Barkhane force (weapons intelligence teams and explosive ordnance disposal teams), counter-IED specialists of MINUSMA in Gao, German weapons intelligence and explosive ordnance disposal teams, Swedish explosive ordnance disposal teams and personnel from the United Nations Mine Action Service.
- The Counter-IED Exploitation Laboratory has performed resource analyses of five incidents involving IEDs for MINUSMA. Eight other incidents identified at the most recent meeting of the counter-IED community hosted by the German weapons intelligence team at Camp Castor on 14 November 2020 are currently being analysed.
- As part of their IED Post-Blast Investigation Level 1 training, 12 Explosive Threat Mitigation Officers from the United Nations Mine Action Service Mali attended a presentation by the Counter-IED Exploitation Laboratory on its activities, capacities and analytical reports.

Logistics

Between 1 September and 1 December 2020, the Barkhane force transported a total of 251 persons and 9.93 tons of cargo, at part load, on board its aircraft. None of the aircraft were refuelled, however.

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.

Activity of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali at the Gao military field hospital from 1 September to 1 December 2020

<i>Type of care</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Medical consultations	27
Dental consultations	45
Surgical procedures	2
Hospitalization days	6
Nursing	316
X-rays	11
Biochemical analyses	16
Microbiological analyses	15
Scans	3