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Letter dated 19 August 2024 from the representatives of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from our authorities, we have the honour to transmit herewith a joint letter, dated 19 August 2024, from Karamoko Jean-Marie Traoré, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Regional Cooperation and the Diaspora of Burkina Faso; Abdoulaye Diop, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Mali; and Bakary Yaou Sangaré, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and the Diaspora of the Republic of Niger, addressed to you (see annex).

In the joint letter, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger strongly denounce and condemn the open and assumed support of the Government of the Republic of Ukraine for international terrorism, particularly in the Sahel. They call on the Security Council to assume its responsibilities with regard to the deliberate choice by Ukraine to support terrorism, in order to prevent such subversive actions which threaten the stability of the Sahel and even the African continent.

We should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Oumarou **Ganou**
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso
to the United Nations

(Signed) Issa **Konfourou**
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mali
to the United Nations

(Signed) Samadou **Ousman**
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Niger
to the United Nations



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On behalf of our respective Governments, we are transmitting to you this letter to denounce the open and assumed support by the Government of the Republic of Ukraine for international terrorism, particularly in the Sahel.

Indeed, we were unpleasantly surprised by the subversive comments made by Mr. Andry Yusov, spokesperson for the Ukrainian Military Intelligence Agency, admitting the involvement of Ukraine in the cowardly, traitorous and barbaric attack by armed terrorist groups on 24, 25 and 26 July 2024, which caused the death of members of the Malian defense and security forces in Tinzawatene, Mali, as well as significant property damage.

These statements were confirmed by Mr. Yurii Pyvovarov, Ambassador of Ukraine to Senegal, who openly and without the slightest ambiguity expressed his country's support for international terrorism, particularly in the Sahel. Worse, these high-ranking Ukrainian officials have announced publicly that other "results" are still to come.

Such statements, which are extremely serious, represent much more than interference, which in itself is reprehensible. They demonstrate official and unequivocal support by the Ukrainian Government for terrorism in Africa, particularly in the Sahel. These acts also constitute a violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our States, gross aggression against our countries and support for international terrorism, in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and its related international conventions.

We therefore strongly condemn the Ukrainian authorities' aggression and glorification of terrorism, which nothing can justify. We call on the Security Council to assume its responsibilities with regard to the deliberate choice by Ukraine to support terrorism, a scourge unanimously rejected internationally in all its forms and manifestations.

Emphasizing that the acts for which Ukraine, the aggressor State, has officially claimed responsibility pose a direct threat to international peace and security, particularly in the Sahel region and in Africa, we call on the Security Council, which bears the primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security, to take appropriate actions against these subversive acts which strengthen terrorist groups in Africa and demonstrate the involvement of foreign State sponsors in the spread of terrorism in the region, an issue which our States have regularly denounced.

These acts of aggression, far from achieving their objective, reinforce the commitment and determination of Burkina Faso, the Republic of Mali and the Republic of Niger, within the framework of the Confederation of Sahel States, to pursue more vigorously their resolute march towards strengthening their sovereignty and taking control of their destiny, in accordance with the deep aspirations of the people of the Confederation of Sahel States.

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(Signed) Bakary Yaou **Sangaré**
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