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### Letter dated 22 October 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to the letter dated 29 July 2021 from Ambassador Nicolas de Rivière, I have the honour to confirm that the members of the Security Council have agreed to send a mission to Mali and the Niger from 23 to 25 October 2021. The members have also agreed on the terms of reference of the mission (see annex).

The mission will be co-led by Ambassador Nicolas de Rivière (France), Ambassador Martin Kimani (Kenya) and Ambassador Abdou Abarry (Niger).

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

Deputy Permanent Representative Dai Bing (China)  
Ambassador Sven Jürgenson (Estonia)  
Ambassador Nicolas de Rivière (France)  
Deputy Permanent Representative Ravindra Raguttahalli (India)  
Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason (Ireland)  
Ambassador Martin Kimani (Kenya)  
Deputy Permanent Representative Juan Gómez Robledo Verduzco (Mexico)  
Ambassador Abdou Abarry (Niger)  
Ambassador Mona Juul (Norway)  
Deputy Permanent Representative Anna Evstigneeva (Russian Federation)  
Ambassador Inga Rhonda King (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)  
Ambassador Tarek Ladeb (Tunisia)  
Deputy Permanent Representative James Kariuki (United Kingdom)  
Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield (United States)  
Ambassador Dinh Quy Dang (Viet Nam)

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

*(Signed)* Martin **Kimani**  
President of the Security Council



## Annex

### **Terms of reference of the Security Council mission to Mali and the Niger, 23 to 25 October 2021**

1. The Security Council will carry out a mission to Mali and the Niger from 23 to 25 October 2021 related to resolutions [2391 \(2017\)](#) and [2584 \(2021\)](#) and statement by the President [S/PRST/2021/16](#).
2. The mission will visit Mali and the Niger, for meetings on the situation in Mali, including on the efforts of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) to implement its mandate, and on the situation in the Sahel, including on the efforts of the Group of Five for the Sahel (G5 Sahel).
3. The mission will be co-led by Kenya, France and the Niger.
4. The objectives of the mission are as follows:
  - (a) To assess the political, security, humanitarian and development efforts carried out by the Transitional Government of Mali, and to assess the human rights challenges in Mali and the mechanisms in place to monitor and address those;
  - (b) To assess the preparation for the holding of free and fair elections, within the established 18-month timeline, in accordance with the Transition Charter, including the presidential election on 27 February 2022, and the full realization of the political transition in Mali;
  - (c) To assess the implementation by the Transitional Government of Mali and the signatory armed groups of the priority measures of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali referenced in paragraph 4 of resolution [2584 \(2021\)](#) and to enquire about steps envisaged by them for the fulfilment of those measures by the end of the current mandate of MINUSMA;
  - (d) To assess the current situation in Central Mali, be informed of the measures taken by the Malian authorities in implementing a comprehensive politically led strategy to protect civilians, reduce intercommunal violence and re-establish State presence, State authority and basic social services there, and to meet the priority measures set out in paragraph 15 of resolution [2584 \(2021\)](#);
  - (e) To assess the efforts of MINUSMA to implement its mandate, including the standards referred to in paragraph 47 of resolution [2584 \(2021\)](#), discuss the report of the Secretary-General of 16 July on the progress of the force adaptation plan implementation and recommendations on the force levels and ceiling of MINUSMA uniformed personnel and assess the broader United Nations response to addressing drivers of conflict and wider governance challenges in an integrated manner;
  - (f) To assess the level of operationalization of the Joint Force of the Group of Five for the Sahel, including the implementation of the human rights compliance framework referred to in resolution [2391 \(2017\)](#) and the human rights due diligence policy on United Nations support to non-United Nations security forces, as well as the concurrent efforts implemented by the G5 Sahel in the political and development fields, noting that the Secretary-General will have issued a report on the support to the G5 Sahel joint force prior to the mission;
  - (g) To assess the level of coordination, exchange of information and, when applicable, support, within their respective mandates and through existing mechanisms, among MINUSMA, the Malian Defence and Security Forces, Joint Force of the Group of Five for the Sahel, the French forces and the European Union missions in Mali, as well as coordination with European partners, including Task Force Takuba;

(h) To exchange views with the authorities in the Niger on the security, development and humanitarian situation in the Sahel, including efforts to protect refugees and internally displaced persons, the adverse effects of climate change on the stability of the region and discuss the measures taken by the Government of the Niger to address this situation;

(i) To reiterate the view of the Council that the stabilization of the situation and the protection of civilians in the region are a primary responsibility of the respective Governments and require a fully integrated response, led by the respective Governments, with the support of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel, regional organizations and the international community, and to reiterate the support of the Council to international and regional efforts aimed at stabilizing the Sahel region;

(j) To hear good practices in social cohesion in the Niger and discuss how United Nations initiatives and mechanisms could help stem intercommunal violence more tangibly in the region.

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

- The Transitional Government of Mali
- MINUSMA and other United Nations entities in Mali
- Actors involved in the implementation of the Agreement in Mali, including the parties, and members of the international mediation
- The Economic Community of West African States and other representatives of the mechanism established to ensure respect for the time-limited political transition in Mali
- Representatives from the security presences mentioned in paragraph 32 of resolution [2584 \(2021\)](#)
- Members of civil society organisations, including women and youth
- The Government of the Niger
- The United Nations country team in the Niger
- The Executive Secretary of the G5 Sahel
- The Force Commander of the Joint Force of the Group of Five for the Sahel

6. The mission may hold a commemorative ceremony in Mali to pay tribute to the soldiers and the peacekeepers who lost their lives while serving in MINUSMA. Another commemorative ceremony may also be held in the Niger to pay tribute to civilian victims and soldiers who lost their lives combating terrorism.

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