



## Security Council

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### Letter dated 1 March 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my authorities, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 1 March 2023, by which the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, on behalf of the Government of Mali, notifies you of its rejection of France as the penholder for issues concerning Mali in the Security Council (see annex).

I 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)* Issa **Konfourou**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 1 March 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In communiqués dated 12 January and 26 April 2022, the Government of the Republic of Mali alerted the nation and the international community to hostile acts, in particular the violation of the airspace of Mali by French military aircraft.

These public alerts were followed, on 15 August 2022, by a letter in which the Government of the Republic of Mali complained to the Security Council about acts of aggression, violation of our airspace, subversion and destabilization.

In view of the seriousness of these events, which, at a minimum, raise questions about the objectivity and impartiality of the French Republic, and pending the holding of the special meeting of the Council that Mali has requested, the Government of the Republic of Mali, by means of the present letter, officially rejects the status of France as penholder for all issues concerning Mali that are examined by the Council.

Since the Council was seized of the situation in my country, pursuant to its resolution [2085 \(2012\)](#) of 20 December 2012, France has always been the penholder for all the issues concerning Mali that are addressed by the Council, a role that has included initiating and leading the work on draft resolutions related to the mandate of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali or to the sanctions regime with regard to Mali.

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

*(Signed)* Abdoulaye **Diop**  
Commander of the National Order

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