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Letter dated 16 August 2023 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my authorities, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 15 August 2023, by which the Government of the Republic of Mali requests the lifting of the sanctions regime concerning Mali, through the non-renewal of the measures set out in Security Council resolution 2374 (2017) (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) Kanisson **Coulibaly** Chargé d'affaires a.i.





Annex to the letter dated 16 August 2023 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

By a letter dated 9 August 2017, I called on the Security Council to establish a sanctions regime against those responsible for blocking the implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali emanating from the Algiers process.

That request by the Government of the Republic of Mali was justified, at the time, by the resumption of hostilities between the Coordination des mouvements de l'Azawad and the Plateforme des mouvements du 14 juin 2014 d'Alger, which are signatories to the Agreement, in violation of the ceasefire.

The Security Council responded favourably to the request, adopting resolution 2374 (2017) on 5 September 2017.

Now, six years on from the implementation of the sanctions regime concerning Mali, an objective assessment of the developments in the peace process indicates that the reason behind the request of Mali to set up that mechanism is no longer present. The reason is that the hostilities between the signatory movements have come to an end.

Furthermore, the Government of Mali has consistently condemned the lack of cooperation, non-compliance with the mandate, and hostile, biased reports of the Panel of Experts set up to support the sanctions committee.

This regrettable approach adopted by the Panel of Experts contrasts with the steadfast willingness of the Malian authorities to cooperate with the mechanisms put in place, at the cost of mobilizing national administrative authorities which are thus distracted from their fundamental role of providing a public service to the people of Mali.

In view of the above, the Government of the Republic of Mali requests the lifting of the sanctions regime concerning Mali, through the non-renewal of the measures set out in resolution 2374 (2017).

The Government of the Republic of Mali, under the leadership of Colonel Assimi Goita, Transitional President and Head of State, reiterates its commitment to the implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali emanating from the Algiers process.

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** Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Mali