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**Letter dated 28 February 2017 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), established by Security Council resolution [2100 \(2013\)](#) of 25 April 2013, and most recently extended by resolution [2295 \(2016\)](#) of 29 June 2016.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Major General Jean-Paul Deconinck (Belgium) as Force Commander of MINUSMA. Major General Deconinck will succeed Major General Michael Lollesgaard (Denmark), who completed his tour of duty on 31 December 2016.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António **Guterres**

