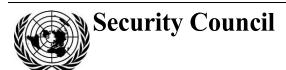
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## Letter dated 2 March 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 28 February 2017 (S/2017/186) concerning your intention to appoint Major General Jean-Paul Deconinck (Belgium) as Force Commander of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the intention expressed in your letter.

(Signed) Matthew **Rycroft** President of the Security Council



