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Letter dated 4 April 2019 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 13 March 2019 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations forwarding the report on the activities carried out by French armed forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, from 1 October 2018 to 1 February 2019 (see annex).

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

(Signed) António **Guterres**



Annex

[Original: French]

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations Secretariat, and has the honour to convey the information below.

Pursuant to paragraphs 69 and 71 of Security Council resolution [2448 \(2018\)](#), adopted on 13 December 2018, please find attached the report on the actions carried out by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, from 1 October 2018 to 1 February 2019 (see enclosure).

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations would be grateful if the United Nations Secretariat could bring the report to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Enclosure

Report on the operational support provided by French forces to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, from 1 October 2018 to 1 February 2019

Background document:

- Security Council resolution [2387 \(2017\)](#) of 15 November 2017 (paragraphs 65 and 67) and Security Council resolution [2448 \(2018\)](#) of 13 December 2018 (paragraphs 69 and 71).

The present report summarizes the support provided by French forces to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) from 1 October 2018 to 1 February 2019.

With regard to operations, under resolution [2448 \(2018\)](#), French fighter jets stationed in N'Djamena can provide ad hoc air support to MINUSCA. On 11 January 2019, those jets carried out a show of force mission in support of the joint terminal attack controllers of the Portuguese contingent of MINUSCA, which were then operating in the Bambari region of the Central African Republic.

In addition to that operational mission, on 26 November 2018, French fighter jets conducted a joint close air support training exercise with the joint terminal attack controllers of the Portuguese contingent, to ensure that the two units are capable of working together.

With regard to the overall partnership between French forces and MINUSCA, in October and November 2018, at the request of the commander of the French forces in Gabon, the French operational support detachment stationed in Bangui provided technical training support to the MINUSCA Gabonese battalion in relation to troop support and munitions management. The aim was to share good practices and provide mentoring to the specialists of the Gabonese battalion.

French military air traffic controllers are stationed alongside Central African air traffic controllers in the control tower during air traffic activity at Bangui-M'Poko airport. They also work with Central African air traffic controllers to supervise runway security prior to any air traffic activity with the help of a Rwandan battalion from MINUSCA.

With regard to aeronautical engineering, the French operational support detachment carried out temporary repairs (patching) to the taxiway on 9 and 10 December 2018. The taxiway is also used by MINUSCA aircraft when returning to their parking area. During the week of 22 October 2018, French forces carried out a technical assessment of the Bouar runway for French aircraft (CASA tactical medical transport aircraft); the runway is of interest to the Central African Republic, the European Union Training Mission in the Central African Republic and MINUSCA.

With regard to logistics, the French operational support detachment is permanently responsible for processing the cargo of the Gabonese battalion and receiving the personnel of that contingent who are in transit. As part of the transfer for consideration of five armoured forward area vehicles to the Gabonese battalion, the detachment conducted training for operators on 28 December 2018 and training for maintenance technicians from 29 January to 1 February 2019.