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Letter dated 6 April 2020 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 24 March 2020 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations, forwarding the report on the activities carried out by French forces in Mali in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, from 15 December 2019 to 1 March 2020 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could 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 42 and 64 of Security Council resolution [2480 \(2019\)](#), adopted on 28 June 2019, please find attached the report on the actions carried out by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 15 December 2019 to 1 March 2020 (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

[Original: French]

Report No. 27 on the operational support provided by French forces to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 15 December 2019 to 1 March 2020

References:

- Security Council resolution [2480 \(2019\)](#), of 28 June 2019 (paras. 42 and 64)
- Technical cooperation and assistance arrangement between the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the French Ministry of Armed Forces of 26 March 2015

This twenty-seventh report summarizes the support that the French forces provided the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) from 15 December 2019 to 1 March 2020.

The Barkhane force provided MINUSMA with the following operational support during the period covered by this report:

1. Operations

None.

2. Intelligence

The Barkhane force provided weekly updates and some 40 intelligence documents every month.

The force provided intelligence support, including by disseminating documents concerning improvised explosive device disposal from the Counter-IED Exploitation Laboratory (CIEL), J2 analysis products and lessons learned from operations.

3. Engineering

Aeronautical engineering

The French aeronautical engineering detachment (25th Air Engineer Regiment), under a MINUSMA letter of assist, maintains the Gao airfield in operational condition.

The French aeronautical engineering detachment (25th Air Engineer Regiment) mentors the MINUSMA detachment in Tessalit in relation to the maintenance of unpaved airfields.

The aeronautical engineering officer at the engineering branch of the joint forces headquarters is overseeing a project to construct a runway in Kidal, Mali. The 25th Air Engineer Regiment has provided a team of explosive ordnance disposal specialists for the explosives analysis phase and the clearing of the site of the future runway.

Countering improvised explosive devices

The Mine Action Service and the Barkhane officer responsible for efforts to counter improvised explosive devices continue to exchange information on a near-daily basis (detailed reports on all incidents concerning improvised explosive devices, weekly updates on improvised explosive device events in Mali, and an ad hoc exchange of analyses).

The Weapons Intelligence Team and CIEL participate in a weekly information exchange meeting with the MINUSMA improvised explosive device specialists in Gao, including the German teams and the Mine Action Service. Strong dialogue has led to the exchange of information and resources concerning the various cases handled jointly or separately by the teams.

4. Logistics

Since 15 December 2019, the Barkhane force has transported 741 persons and 3,082 kg of goods for MINUSMA, which involved 277 flight hours.

5. Health

The Barkhane force role 1 and 2 medical services are able to support MINUSMA in the event of an influx of injuries or under exceptional circumstances. Bilateral agreements allow MINUSMA personnel of certain nationalities to have access to routine and emergency consultations, paramedical care, dental care and surgical procedures. Such services were rendered exclusively by the role 2 medical service in Gao and comprised:

- 1 surgical procedure (visceral surgery)
 - 4 cases of treatment of war wounded (including three Belgians injured by improvised explosive devices in two incidents)
 - 2 hospitalizations
 - 486 instances of paramedical care
 - 12 specialized consultations
 - 24 radiographic examinations
 - 5 biological tests
 - 25 dental consultations
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