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THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
LE PRÉSIDENT DU CONSEIL DE SÉCURITÉ

5 September 2023

Excellency,

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/262 of 26 April 2022 I hereby submit a special report on the use of the veto at the 9408th meeting of the Security Council held on 30 August 2023 under the item entitled "The situation in Mali."

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A blue ink signature, appearing to read "Ferit Hoxha", is written above the printed name and title.

Ferit Hoxha  
President of the Security Council

His Excellency  
Mr. Dennis Francis  
President of the General Assembly  
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## Special Report of the United Nations Security Council

This Special Report of the United Nations Security Council is submitted upon the invitation of the United Nations General Assembly in operative paragraph 3 of General Assembly Resolution 76/262, and in accordance with Article 24, paragraph 3 of the Charter of the United Nations.

On 30 August 2023, the Security Council held its nine thousand, four hundred and eighth meeting, to take action, inter alia, on a draft resolution contained in document S/2023/638, attached as Annex 1 to this Report. The draft resolution was proposed by France and the United Arab Emirates. The meeting was held under the agenda item "The situation in Mali."

At the meeting held on 30 August 2023, the result of the voting on the draft resolution contained in document S/2023/638 was as follows:

Thirteen votes in favor:

Albania

Brazil

Ecuador

France

Gabon

Ghana

Japan

Malta

Mozambique

Switzerland

United Arab Emirates

United Kingdom

United States

One vote against: Russian Federation

One abstention: China

In accordance with Article 27, paragraph 3 of the Charter of the United Nations, the resolution obtained the required number of votes, but was not adopted due to a negative vote cast by a Permanent Member of the Security Council.

A verbatim transcript of the meeting will be issued as a document of the Security Council and will be available under the document symbol S/PV.9408 and is attached as Annex 2 to this Report.



## Security Council

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### France and United Arab Emirates: draft resolution

*The Security Council,*

*Recalling* all its previous resolutions, statements of its President and press statements on the situation in Mali, and *also recalling* resolution 2664 (2022),

*Reaffirming* its strong commitment to the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Mali, *emphasizing* that the Malian authorities have primary responsibility for the provision of stability and security throughout the territory of Mali, and *underscoring* the importance of achieving national ownership of peace- and security-related initiatives,

*Recalling* the provisions of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali ("the Agreement") calling upon the Security Council to give its full support to the Agreement, to closely monitor its implementation and, if necessary, to take measures against anyone hindering the implementation of the commitments contained therein or the realization of its objectives,

*Reiterating* that the United Nations, the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and other international partners remain firmly committed to the implementation of the Agreement as a means to achieve long-term peace and stability in Mali, *commending* the role played by Algeria and other members of the international mediation team to assist the Malian parties to implement the Agreement, *emphasizing* the need for increased engagement by the members of the international mediation team for the implementation of the Agreement, and *further underlining* the central role the United Nations should continue to play to support and oversee the implementation of the Agreement by the Malian parties to the Agreement,

*Expressing concern* at the stalled implementation of the Agreement and threats to the ceasefire, *calling on* all parties to adhere to the Agreement and implement its provisions, and to cooperate fully with the United Nations during MINUSMA's drawdown, withdrawal and liquidation to ensure the orderly and safe withdrawal of the mission, as well as to mitigate any negative impact of MINUSMA's withdrawal on the Agreement,

*Recalling* the need for Member States to ensure that all measures taken by them to implement this resolution comply with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international refugee law, as applicable,

*Taking note* of the decisions of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) concerning Mali ("the Committee") of

20 December 2018 and 10 July 2019 that several individuals be placed on the list of individuals and entities subject to measures pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) ("the 2374 Sanctions List") and *further taking note* of the intention of the Committee to consider the removal of these individuals from the 2374 Sanctions List if the priority measures listed in paragraph 4 of resolution 2584 (2021) are fully implemented and the individuals designated cease all illicit activities, including those listed in the statement of case, while *stressing* that the Security Council has not yet seen sufficient progress to merit such consideration,

*Taking note* of the final report (S/2023/578) of the Panel of Experts,

*Noting* the importance of continued cooperation and information exchange between the Panel of Experts and all other United Nations entities operating in Mali, within their mandates and capabilities,

*Acknowledging* the letter from the Transition Government of Mali dated 15 August 2023 (S/2023/605) and its request to lift the sanctions regime concerning Mali,

*Determining* that the situation in Mali continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

*Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,*

1. *Decides* to renew until 31 August 2024 the measures as set out in paragraphs 1 to 7 of resolution 2374 (2017);

2. *Reaffirms* that these measures shall apply to individuals and entities as designated by the Committee, as set forth in paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 2374 (2017);

3. *Decides* to extend until 30 September 2024 the mandate of the Panel of Experts, as set out in paragraphs 11 to 15 of resolution 2374 (2017), *recalls* paragraph 6 of resolution 2664 (2022), *expresses* its intention to review the mandate and take appropriate action regarding its further extension no later than 31 August 2024, *requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures as expeditiously as possible to re-establish the Panel of Experts, in consultation with the Committee, drawing, as appropriate, on the expertise of the current members of the Panel of Experts, and *calls upon* all Member States to facilitate the work of the Panel;

4. *Requests* the Panel of Experts to provide to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, a midterm report no later than 28 February 2024, a final report no later than 15 August 2024, and periodic updates in between, as appropriate;

5. *Emphasises* its readiness to review the continuation of the measures contained in resolution 2374 (2017), including modification, suspension or lifting of the measures, as may be appropriate at any time;

6. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.