



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 November 2013

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 31 October 2013 informing me of the decision of your Government to contribute to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Government of the Netherlands for this significant contribution of military and police contingents, as well as four armed helicopters. These critical staff and assets, once deployed, will considerably improve the capacity and effectiveness of MINUSMA to implement its mandated tasks in accordance with Security Council resolution 2100 (2013).

During my recent visit to Mali, I had the opportunity to visit the city of Timbuktu. All local interlocutors there were thankful for the important contribution of MINUSMA to the stabilization process in northern Mali. We are grateful that your country has now decided to join, under the flag of the United Nations, other troop- and police-contributing countries in this endeavour.

The United Nations looks forward to the continuation of its fruitful partnership with the Netherlands in the field of peace and security, justice and development.

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


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Karel Jan Gustaaf Van Oosterom
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom
of the Netherlands to the United Nations
New York

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To: CDC (through ODSG),

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, a reply letter to the PR of the Netherlands regarding his country's decision to contribute to MINUSMA.

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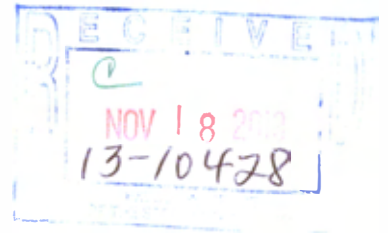
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Note to Ms. Malcorra



Mali: Draft response of the Secretary-General to a letter from the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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2. We would be grateful if you brought this draft letter to the attention of the Secretary-General for his signature at his earliest convenience.

Hervé Ladsous
18 November 2013

cc: Ms. Haq

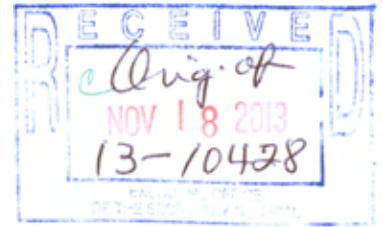
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TO: Mr. Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General
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THROUGH: Mr. Edmond Mulet, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Operations
Department of Peacekeeping Operations

FROM: Mr. Jack Christofides, Director, Africa Division II, Office of Operations
Department of Peacekeeping Operations

Ms. Kathryn Jones, Team Leader, Africa Division II, Office of Operations
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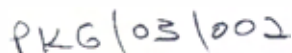
SUBJECT: Please find attached a transmittal note and draft reply from the Secretary General to the letter of the Permanent Representative of The Netherlands on his country's contribution to MINUSMA.

REMARKS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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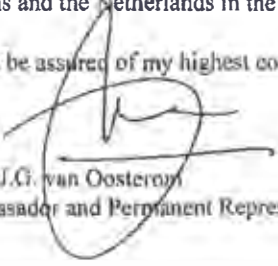


The practicalities of this are being worked out between DPKO and my staff, as we aim for the earliest possible deployment. As part of these preparations a detachment from the Netherlands will visit your Headquarters in the week of November 11th 2013.

With this commitment, the Netherlands expresses its solidarity with the people of Mali by playing our role in the stabilization of the country, providing the necessary military strength, and dovetailing it with existing Dutch development cooperation efforts in Mali.

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Please be assured of my highest considerations.


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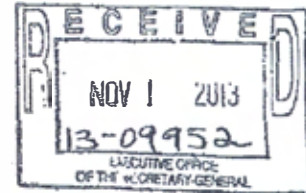
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New York, 31 October 2013

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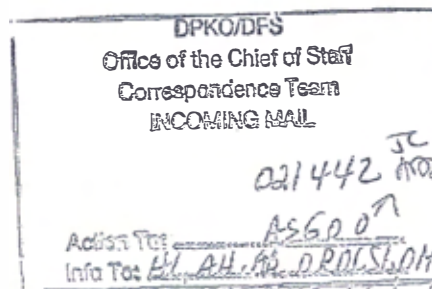
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At the request of the UN, the Netherlands will deploy 368 military officers and troops and 10 civil police officers to MINUSMA. Our contribution, committed in principle until the end of 2015, will consist of:

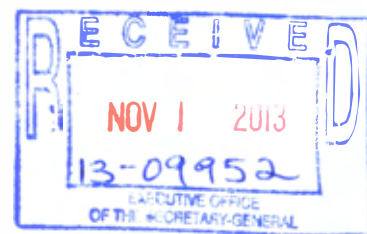
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- An integrated logistical detachment consisting of 128 officers and troops, mainly operating in Gao.
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During the deployment phase additional engineers and logistical personnel may be deployed, resulting in a temporary increase of personnel. We are also considering including political advisers in our military contribution. As the Netherlands contribution becomes fully operational capable (FOC) this will level out to the number of officers and troops mentioned above.

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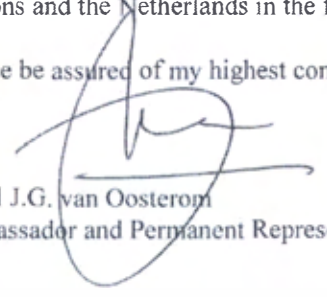
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