



LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Le 2 avril 2014

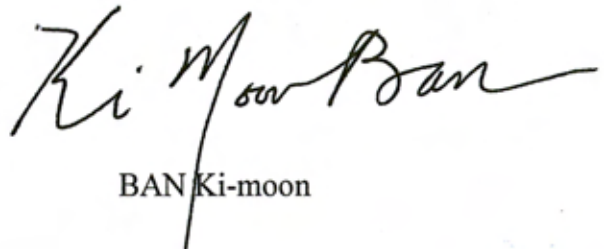
Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Faisant suite à une demande reçue le 24 février 2014, j'ai l'honneur de vous informer que le Mali est admis à bénéficier des ressources du Fonds pour la consolidation de la paix.

L'appui fourni par le Fonds vise à aider le Gouvernement du Mali dans les actions qu'il mène pour la restauration de la paix et de la sécurité sur l'ensemble du territoire national, suite à l'instabilité et à la crise prolongée qu'a connues le pays en 2012 et 2013. Je suis convaincu que cette requête nous parvient à un moment crucial où des défis importants persistent pour la consolidation de la paix au Mali, tandis que la communauté internationale est appelée à faire face à de nouvelles crises dans le reste du monde.

Ainsi, le Fonds, par le biais de la Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation au Mali et de l'équipe de pays des Nations Unies présente au Mali, apportera son appui à des interventions clefs dans le domaine de la consolidation de la paix, y compris la réconciliation nationale, les secteurs de la sécurité et de la justice, la restauration de l'autorité de l'Etat et la gouvernance locale inclusive, ainsi que la réintégration des réfugiés et les personnes déplacées dans leurs communautés.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, les assurances de ma très haute considération.


BAN Ki-moon

Son Excellence
Monsieur Sékou Kassé
Représentant permanent de la République du Mali
auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies
New York

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

2 April 2014

Excellency,

Following a request dated 24 February 2014, I am pleased to inform you that I have declared Mali eligible for support from the Peacebuilding Fund.

The support provided by the Peacebuilding Fund aims to assist the Government of Mali in its peacebuilding process and in restoring security in the country following the prolonged crisis and instability of 2012 and 2013. It is my conviction that such support is particularly timely now as important challenges persist to the peacebuilding process in Mali, while other crises elsewhere have meant a reduced level of international attention and financial assistance.

The Peacebuilding Fund, working through the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali and the United Nations Country Team in Mali, will be well-placed to support key peacebuilding initiatives in the country, including in the areas of national reconciliation; the security sector and judiciary; restoration of state legitimacy and inclusive local governance; and the reintegration of refugees and internally displaced persons into communities.

I would be grateful if you would, in your capacity as Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission, convey my decision to the members of the Commission.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name "BAN Ki-moon" is printed in a standard font.

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota
Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission
New York

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To: CDC (through ODSG),

ASG Cheng-Hopkins wrote to the DSG informing that, based on a request transmitted to her by the DSRSG for Mali on 24 February 2014, she is seeking the SG's decision to declare Mali eligible for support from the Peacebuilding Fund.

This request has the full support of the Government of Mali.

PBSO has reviewed the request for eligibility, in consultation with its partners in the UN system. It has received the endorsement of the senior Peacebuilding Group, which Cheng-Hopkins chairs.

The attached draft letter from the SG, addressed to the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, would serve as the vehicle to formalize the SG's decision and inform the members of the Commission accordingly. She also attaches a draft letter from the SG to the PR of Mali.

Ms. Cheng-Hopkins would be grateful if the DSG could seek the SG's decision and his signature of the two letters.

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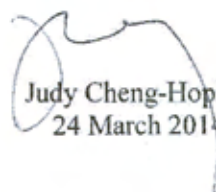
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Note to the Deputy Secretary-General
Peacebuilding Fund – Mali Declaration of Eligibility

1. Based on a request transmitted to me by the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Mali on 24 February 2014, I am seeking the Secretary-General's decision to declare Mali eligible for support from the Peacebuilding Fund.
2. This request has the full support of the Government of Mali, illustrated in a letter, dated 12 November 2013, from the Malian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to MINUSMA which expressed the Government's interest in seeking eligibility.
3. The request for eligibility was reviewed by PBSO, in consultation with our partners in the United Nations system, including DPKO. It has received the endorsement of the Senior Peacebuilding Group, which I chair.
4. The attached note summarises PBSO's recommendation and reasoning in support of the declaration of eligibility for Mali.
5. The attached draft letter from the Secretary-General, addressed to the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, would serve as the vehicle to formalize the Secretary-General's decision and inform the members of the Commission accordingly. I also attach a draft letter from the Secretary-General to the Permanent Representative of Mali.
6. I would be grateful if you could seek the Secretary-General's decision and his signature of the two letters.


Judy Cheng-Hopkins
24 March 2014

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PBSO Recommendation

Declaration of eligibility for support from the Peacebuilding Fund: Mali

1. Following the conclusion of the preliminary Ouagadougou peace agreement in June 2013, the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) was approached by the United Nations United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) and by the newly elected Government of Mali to provide support, through the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF), to the cantonment process in Kidal. On 24 January 2014, PBSO consequently approved a first project from the PBF's Immediate Response Facility (IRF) in Mali in support to the cantonment process in Kidal, amounting to \$2,997,414 and implemented by MINUSMA and UNOPS.
2. On 12 November 2013, the Malian Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed the interest of the Government of Mali to be declared eligible for further PBF funding in a letter sent to MINUSMA. The eligibility request was subsequently submitted by Deputy Special Representative Gressly to Assistant Secretary-General Cheng-Hopkins on 24 February 2014.
3. PBSO reviewed the eligibility request in a Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meeting held on 5 March 2014. The eligibility note is sound and comprehensive. It describes the disastrous impact of the 2012/2013 crisis on state institutions and the social fabric and highlights financing gaps in the field of peacebuilding as the reason for the request for catalytic support from the PBF. (For example, the Special Peace and Security Trust Fund established by the Security Council has received only \$11 million for rapid interventions to date). The eligibility note requests additional PBF resources for the implementation of Government strategies, including "The Action Plan of the Government 2014-2018" and "The Plan for the durable recovery of Mali 2013-2014," aimed at achieving durable peace and security as well as at re-establishing state functions across the country's territory.
4. In this respect, PBSO considers the request timely, as the international attention has shifted somewhat in recent months with the eruption of crises in Central African Republic, South Sudan and elsewhere, limiting donor attention to Mali despite the continued critical nature of the peacebuilding challenge in that country. As a result, the PBF is a natural vehicle to ensure the availability of funding for critical peacebuilding interventions.
5. The eligibility note was shared on 7 March with the Senior Peacebuilding Group (SPG), who fully supports it.
6. Based on a rapid mapping of ongoing peacebuilding initiatives, the eligibility note identifies the following areas of intervention:
 - (1) National Reconciliation;
 - (2) Security Sector Reform (SSR) and the Rule of Law (RoL);
 - (3) Restoration of state authority and inclusive local governance;
 - (4) Reintegration of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

7. PBSO notes the full ownership of the request for eligibility by the Government, the note having been endorsed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Moreover, the content of the note was prepared through consultations with the Government, civil society, MINUSMA at headquarters and field offices in the North, as well as the UNCT, as stated in the Deputy Special Representative Gressly's submission of 24 February 2014.

8. In addition to the information contained in the request, PBSO notes that in the context of their planning exercises, MINUSMA and the UNCT are willing to integrate conflict analysis elements in relevant sections of the Common Country Assessment under development. This analysis would aim at exploring grievances and root causes of the conflict as well as relevant stakeholders in Mali to inform programme design and prioritization of projects.

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