



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

29 April 2013

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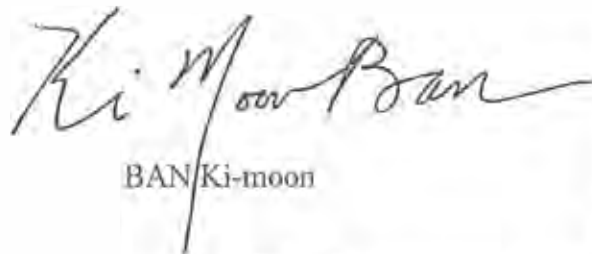
I would like to thank you for your letter dated 8 April 2013 regarding the Security Council consultations on the possible establishment of a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Mali.

I am pleased to inform you that, with the adoption by the Security Council of a resolution on this matter, I plan to send a team to Addis Ababa to discuss the transition modalities, building on the exchanges between the United Nations, the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States.

I have taken note of your proposal that I appoint His Excellency Mr. Pierre Buyoya, former President of Burundi, as my future Special Representative for Mali. A recruitment process to select a suitable candidate is under way and will be completed shortly. Given the inherent complexities of setting up a new peacekeeping mission, it is essential that my Special Representative be available full-time to manage the responsibilities of the United Nations. Thus, although I am not in a position to respond favourably to your proposal, I would like to reassure you that my Special Representative will coordinate closely and fully with High Representative Buyoya. Such mutually reinforcing efforts will enhance the effectiveness of our two Organizations' work in support of Mali.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the African Union, and to thank you personally, for your leadership and active engagement to address the complex crises in Mali. I look forward to continuing our collaboration in the search for a durable solution to the challenges that confront us in Mali and other countries in Africa.

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

  
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Her Excellency  
Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma  
Chairperson of the  
African Union Commission  
Addis Ababa

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*Dear Ambassador,*

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to Her Excellency Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

*Thanks for your continuous support,*

  
Susana Malcorra  
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Tété António  
Permanent Observer of the African Union  
to the United Nations  
New York



To: CDC (through DSG),

Attached please find, for your approval and the SG's signature, a reply letter to Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission regarding her proposing former President Buyoya as future SRSG in Mali.

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Political Unit  
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**SUBJECT/MESSAGE: Response letter to the Chairperson of the AU Commission.**

I attach, for the Secretary-General's approval and signature, a draft letter to Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, in response to her letter dated 8 April 2013.

In her letter, Ms. Zuma proposed to the SG the appointment of the current head of AFISMA, former President Pierre Buyoya, as his future SRSG in Mali.

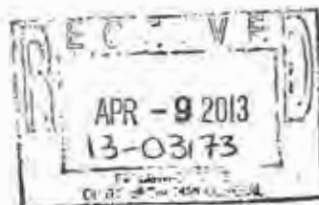
I would be grateful if you could bring this letter to the Secretary-General's attention, at his earliest convenience.

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Addis Ababa, 8 April 2013

Excellency,

I am writing to you regarding the on-going process towards the transformation of the African-led International Support Mission in Mali (AFISMA) into a United Nations (UN) operation. We welcome the report that you recently submitted to the UN Security Council, and look forward to the adoption, by the Council, of a resolution authorizing the re-hatting of AFISMA.

As you are aware, the PSC expressed support for the re-hatting of AFISMA. At the same time, the PSC outlined a number of parameters that should be taken into account to ensure the successful deployment of the envisaged UN operation. We are currently interacting with Security Council members on the various elements articulated in the PSC communiqué, with the expectation that Africa's concerns will be adequately taken into account, in the context of the close partnership that exists between the AU and the UN. We count on your support in this respect.

In its communiqué, the PSC called for consultations between the AU and the UN regarding the appointment of the future Special Representative of the Secretary-General. It is against this background that the AU would like to propose that former President Pierre Buyoya, who is currently leading AFISMA, be considered for this position. The appointment of President Pierre Buyoya as your Special Representative would ensure the much-needed continuity between AFISMA and the envisaged UN operation, as well as further the partnership between our two organizations and enhance the effectiveness of our support to the Malian stakeholders, as they address the multifaceted challenges facing their country. Such an appointment would also facilitate interaction with the Malian Government and other actors on the various aspects of the on-going Transition. Indeed, former President Buyoya is actively involved in the efforts to implement the Transition Roadmap and has built close working relationship with the Malian stakeholders.

Former President Pierre Buyoya has an extensive experience in mediation. He has been actively involved in a number of conflict resolution efforts on the continent, as well as in election observation and related democratization processes. In particular, I would like to highlight his membership of the AU High-Level Panel on Darfur (AUPD) and the AU High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP). In this capacity, he has made a tremendous contribution to the search for peace, security and justice in Darfur, the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and subsequent efforts to resolve the post-secession issues between Sudan and South Sudan.

**H.E. Ban Ki-moon**  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York





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I have no doubt that President Buyoya would bring the much-needed leadership, profile and knowledge to the envisaged UN operation. It is important that Africans of President Buyoya's standing and experience be given the opportunity and the privilege to serve in the UN system, thus also ensuring an adequate representation of the continent at the higher echelons of the United Nations. ✓

I look forward to a positive consideration of this request.

Allow me to seize this opportunity to reiterate to the United Nations and to you personally our deepest appreciation for your continued efforts towards the promotion of peace in Africa and the strengthening of the partnership between the AU and the UN.

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

NLC  
Nkosazana Dlamini-Zandzi





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The Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations presents its compliments to the **Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations** and, has the honour to transmit herewith a self-explanatory letter Ref. BC/U/658.04.13 dated 8 April 2013 addressed by H. E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission addressed to H. E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations regarding the situation in Mali.

The Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the **Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations** to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 9 April 2013



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