

United Nations



General Assembly

Sixty-seventh Session

Resolution #2

Critical Military Assistance in Mali

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming Security Council Resolutions 2056 (5 July 2012), 2071 (12 October 2012) and 2085 (20 December 2012),

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Mali,

Emphasizing that the entrenchment and recent alarming activities of terrorist elements in Mali, including Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (“AQIM”), the Movement of Unity and Jihad in West Africa (“MUJWA”) and other affiliated and extremist groups, now pose a critical and immediate threat to the population throughout Mali, and to the stability in the Sahel region, the wider African region and the international community as a whole,

Welcoming the initial activities of the African-led International Support Mission in Mali (“AFISMA”) pursuant to Paragraph 9 of Security Council Resolution 2085,

Welcoming and appreciating the military support provided by France, especially French troops helping Malian forces oust such Islamist terrorists from and recapturing control over various Malian towns such as Diabaly and Douentza,

Recalling the recent report by the African Union, in close coordination with the Economic Community of West African States (“ECOWAS”) to the Security Council that the joint AFISMA, Malian and French forces are desperately in need of additional special military forces from western international States trained to combat well-equipped terrorist groups in remote environments with the type of hazardous conditions found in northern Mali, and related expertise and equipment in order to effectively commence offensive military operations against AQIM, MUJWA and the other terrorist elements in northern Mali pursuant to Paragraph 10 of Security Council Resolution 2085 and consistent with the African Union Peace and Security Council’s communiqué (13 November 2012) endorsing the Joint Strategic Concept of Operations for the International Military Force and the Malian Defense and Security forces,

Endorsing the military planning already completed by Mali, AFISMA, the African Union, ECOWAS and neighboring countries,

Expressing grave concern that Member States have not been contributing to the trust fund established by Paragraph 22 of Security Council Resolution 2085 that is necessary in order to ensure that AFISMA’s mission is successful in assisting the Malian authorities, the African Union and ECOWAS eliminate the AQIM, MUJWA and other terrorist elements in the north of Mali,

Noting and following the Security Council's recent approval and authorization for a United Nations-funded logistics support package to AFISMA for an initial period of one (1) year for combat operations and one (1) year for stabilization support,

Draws the attention to the Secretary-General's recent letter to this Assembly, after conducting detailed planning and close consultation with the African Union and ECOWAS, requesting (1) a one-year United Nations-funded logistical support package to the international forces in areas controlled by the Malian government comprising (i) supply of food, water and fuel, (ii) engineering support for semi-permanent accommodations, power supplies, and sanitation facilities, (iii) additional medical facilities and medical/casualty evacuation capability in Malian government controlled territory to locations outside Mali, (iv) air and land transport of supplies and ancillary personnel, and (v) communications and IT equipment installed and maintained in areas controlled by the Malian government and similar equipment for communications in combat zones that will be installed and operated by the international forces, and (2) a further one-year stabilization and peace building support package comprising (a) support for pending political elections and on-going political processes, (b) rule of law and security institutions, (c) promotion of national dialogue and regional cooperation, and (d) human rights and security sector reform, all as initially outlined in the Secretary-General's 13 December 2012 letter to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/926) and in his recent letter to this Assembly,

Draws further attention to the Secretary-General's financing proposal to this Assembly, contained in his above-referenced letter, requesting a budget of US \$500 Million to provide such logistical and stabilization support packages, to be funded through United Nations assessed contributions, as further initially outlined in the Secretary-General's 13 December 2012 letter referenced above,

Strongly emphasizing that the situation has substantially deteriorated in Mali and spread across the Sahel region, constitutes a threat to international peace and security in the region, and the stability of Mali, the Sahel region and the international community is very likely to be compromised if this Assembly does not act immediately to help the Malian government extinguish the continued forced occupation of Mali and other terrorist activities in Mali by AQIM, MUJWA and other terrorist elements and to prevent their anticipated further spread to other States and continents,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping missions, as stated in General Assembly Resolutions 55/235 (23 December 2000) and 64/249 (24 December 2009), namely the financing of such operations is the collective responsibility of all Member States, thus the costs of peacekeeping operations are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, Paragraph 2 of the Charter of the United Nations, *and further noting* the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council and States that are more developed countries with respect to their share of contributions to fund such peacekeeping operations as reflected in the above-referenced resolutions,

1. *Calls upon* western international States with requisite military capabilities, particularly the United States, United Kingdom and Germany, to provide, with self-sustainment capacity, sufficient (i) special military forces, weapons and troops trained to combat terrorist activities in remote environments, (ii) equipment and aviation support, and (iii) logistical support (pre-deployment training, tents, limited sanitation, power and water production, one level II medical facility, medical/casualty evacuation services from combat zones in northern Mali to UN-supplied evacuation facilities in Malian government controlled areas), to the Malian Defense and Security Forces and the existing French forces, in coordination with the AFISMA, the African Union, ECOWAS and other neighboring countries, to combat and eliminate the AQIM, MUJWA and other terrorist elements in northern Mali, and to immediately transfer such forces and support to Mali so that such forces are combat ready by 1 May 2013,

2. *Recommends* that such special military forces from western international States promptly integrate their expertise and resources with the military planning already completed by Mali, France, AFISMA, the African Union, ECOWAS and surrounding African States;
3. *Approves* the logistical support package and the stabilization and peace building support package to AFISMA and the international military forces in Mali requested by the Secretary-General as described in the tenth perambulatory paragraph above;
4. *Further approves* the Secretary-General's financing proposal budget of \$500 Million to provide such logistical and stabilization support packages;
5. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the AFISMA the amount of 500,000,000 dollars for the period from 1 May 2013 to 30 April 2014, inclusive of 453,500,000 dollars for the maintenance of AFISMA's mission, 45,000,000 dollars for the support account for the peacekeeping operations, and 1,500,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;
6. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 500,000,000 dollars for the period from 1 May 2013 to 30 April 2014, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly Resolutions 61/243 (22 December 2006) and 64/249 (24 December 2009), and taking into account the rates of assessment set forth in Paragraph 9 of Resolution 64/249 and the scale of assessments for 2013-2015 as set forth in Annex IV of the Report of the Committee on Contributions, Document No. A/67/11 (4-29 June 2012);
7. *Requires* AFISMA to report to the Secretary-General within 30 days of the commencement of active offensive military operations in northern Mali as to the status and progress of such operations;
8. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.