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Meetings in 2013:
- 18 and 12 December: Peace and Security in Africa
- 16 October: The situation in Mali
- 26 June: Peace and Security in Africa
- 25 and 3 April: The situation in Mali
- 25 January: Peace consolidation in West Africa
- 22 January: The situation in Mali

Meetings in 2012:
- 20 and 10 December, 12 October, 17 September, 8 August: Peace and Security in Africa
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- 5 July: Peace and Security in Africa


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- 24 December: Peace and Security in Africa
- 23 December: The situation in Mali


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  Refers to Security Council resolution 2690 (2023); concerns the planning and execution of drawdown and closure of the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).
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  on renewal of sanctions imposed by Security Council resolution 2374 (2017) and extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts concerning Mali until 30 Sept. 2023
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on extension of the mandate of the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) until 30 June 2023

- **S/2022/448 (2 June 2022):** Letter dated 1 June 2022 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council: [https://undocs.org/S/2022/448](https://undocs.org/S/2022/448)
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  made on behalf of the Security Council, at the 8501st meeting, 3 Apr. 2019, in connection with the Council’s consideration of the item entitled “The situation in Mali”


  Submitted pursuant to para. 6 of Security Council resolution 2423 (2018); reports on progress achieved in the implementation of the measures referenced in para. 4 of the resolution. Includes UN map no. 4231 Rev.3: Mali (Mar. 2013).


  Informs on the establishment and transmits terms of reference of the International Commission of Inquiry to investigate allegations of abuses and serious violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, including allegations of conflict-related sexual violence, committed in the territory of Mali from 1 Jan. 2012.

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-Informs that members of the Security Council have decided to send a mission to the Sahel region from 19-22 Oct. 2017; includes the terms of reference of the mission.

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-on sanctions against individuals and entities threatening the peace and reconciliation in Mali


-on extension of the mandate of the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) until 30 June 2018.

-on deployment of the Group of Five for the Sahel Joint Force (FC-GSS)


- Transmits note dated 18 Oct. 2016 on the establishment of the administrative authorities responsible for the communes, cercles and regions of northern Mali during the interim period, as part of the implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali emanating from the Algiers process.


-on extension of the mandate of the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) until 30 June 2017.

-Presents main findings and recommendations of the strategic review of the Office of the Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Sahel, which was completed by the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat in Dec. 2015.


- Refers to letter of 19 May 2015 (S/2015/364); conveys copy of the Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali bearing the signature of Sidi Ibrahim Ould Sidatti in his capacity as representative of the Coordination of Azawad Movements, affixed during a ceremony held for that purpose at Bamako on 20 June 2015.

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