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The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) concerning Mali presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives and Observers to the United Nations and wishes to convey the following:

On 20 December 2018, the Committee approved **the addition of the entries** specified below to its Sanctions List of individuals and entities subject to the travel ban set out in paragraphs 1 to 3 of Security Council resolution 2374 (2017) and renewed by paragraph 1 of resolution 2432 (2018), and adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

A. Individuals

MLi.001 Name: 1: Ahmoudou 2: Ag 3: Asriw 4: na

Title: na Designation: na DOB:01 Jan.1982 POB: na Good quality a.k.a.: Amadou Ag Isriw Low quality a.k.a.: a) Ahmedou b) Ahmadou c) Isrew d) Isereoui e) Isriou Nationality: Mali Passport no: na National identification no: na Address: a) Mali b) Amassine, Mali (previous location) Listed on: 20 Dec. 2018 Other information: Gender: male. Possibly arrested in Niger in October 2016. Webpage: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu2efaIUosqEu1HEBs2zJIw

MLi.002 Name: 1: Mahamadou 2: Ag 3: Rhissa 4: na

Title: na **Designation:** na **DOB:**01 Jan.1983 **POB:** na **Good quality a.k.a.:** Mohamed Talhandak **Low quality a.k.a.:** na **Nationality:** Mali **Passport no:** na **National identification no:** na **Address:** Kidal, Mali **Listed on:** 20 Dec. 2018 **Other information:** Gender: male. On 1 October 2017 French forces raided his house, arresting Ag Rhissa and six family members.

MLi.003 Name: 1: Mohamed 2: Ousmane 3: Ag 4: Mohamedoune

Title: Cheikh **Designation:** na **DOB:**16 Apr.1972 **POB:** Mali **Good quality a.k.a.: a)** Ousmane Mahamadou **b)** Mohamed Ousmane **Low quality a.k.a.:** na **Nationality:** Mali **Passport no:** na **National identification no:** na **Address:** Mali **Listed on:** 20 Dec. 2018 **Other information:** Gender: male. Physical description: eye colour: brown; hair colour: black. Telephone number:

+223 60 36 01 01. Languages spoken: Arabic and French. Distinguishing marks: eyeglasses.

The names of individuals and entities on the 2374 Sanctions List pursuant to a decision by the Committee may be found in the "Press Releases" section on the Committee's website: https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/2374/press-releases.

To obtain a fully updated version of the List of individuals and entities subject to the sanctions measures, Member States are encouraged to consult, on a regular basis, the Committee's website at the following URL:

https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/2374/materials. The 2374 Sanctions List is available in HTML, PDF and XML format and is updated regularly on the basis of relevant information provided by Member States and international and regional organizations.

The Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List is also updated following all changes made to the 2374 Sanctions List. An updated version of the Consolidated List is accessible via the following URL:

https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/un-sc-consolidated-list.

Date

20 December 2018

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

MLi.001 AHMOUDOU AG ASRIW

Date on which the narrative summary became available on the Committee's website: 20 December 2018

Reason for listing:

Ahmoudou Ag Asriw was listed on 20 December 2018 pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 3 of resolution 2374 (2017) for engaging in hostilities in violation of the Agreement; and acting for or on behalf of or at the direction of or otherwise supporting or financing individuals and entities identified in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above, including through the proceeds from organized crime, including the production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and their precursors originating in or transiting through Mali, the trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants, the smuggling and trafficking of arms as well as the trafficking in cultural property.

Additional Information:

Ahmoudou Ag Asriw is a senior commander of the *Groupe autodéfense touareg Imghad et allies* (GATIA) and has in this capacity been involved in leading drug convoys in northern Mali at least since October 2016, as well as ceasefire violations in Kidal region in July 2017 and April 2018.

In April 2018 Asriw led a convoy, together with a member of the *Mouvement arabe de l'Azawad* (MAA) *Plateforme,* trafficking four tons of cannabis resin from Tabankort, via Ammasine, Kidal region, towards Niger. The convoy was attacked by *Coordination des Mouvements de l'Azawad* members and unidentified assailants from Niger. Three combatants were killed during clashes that followed.

As such, motivated by competition over drug convoys, Asriw has engaged in hostilities in violation of the 2015 Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali. In turn, Asriw's involvement in drug trafficking is highly likely to finance his military operations, including ceasefire violations.

MLi.002 Mahamadou Ag Rhissa

Date on which the narrative summary became available on the Committee's website: 20 December 2018

Reason for listing:

Mahamadou Ag Rhissa was listed on 20 December 2018 pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 3 of resolution 2374 (2017) for actions taken that obstruct, or that obstruct by prolonged delay, or that threaten the implementation of the Agreement; acting for or on behalf of or at the

direction of or otherwise supporting or financing individuals and entities identified in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above, including through the proceeds from organized crime, including the production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and their precursors originating in or transiting through Mali, the trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants, the smuggling and trafficking of arms as well as the trafficking in cultural property; and planning, directing, or committing acts in Mali that violate international human rights law or international humanitarian law, as applicable, or that constitute human rights abuses or violations, including those involving the targeting of civilians, including women and children, through the commission of acts of violence (including killing, maiming, torture, or rape or other sexual violence), abduction, enforced disappearance, forced displacement, or attacks on schools, hospitals, religious sites, or locations where civilians are seeking refuge;

Additional Information:

Mahamadou Ag Rhissa, alias Mohamed Talhandak, is an influential businessman in Kidal region and member of the *Haut conseil pour l'unicité de l'Azawad* (HCUA). In 2016, he represented the *Coordination des mouvements de l'Azawad* (CMA) during meetings in Bamako concerning the implementation of the 2015 Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation.

Ag Rhissa evolved in trafficking petrol between Algeria and Kidal and came to control migrant smuggling through the border town Talhandak. Migrants testified about the abusive practices of Ag Rhissa, including forced labour, corporal punishment and imprisonment. Ag Rhissa has held and facilitated sexual exploitation of at least two women, releasing them only after payments of CFA 150,00-175,000 (\$US 300-350).

On 1 October 2017, Barkhane forces raided two of his house in the Kidal area on suspicion having relations with terrorist networks. Ag Rhissa was briefly arrested. On 4 November 2017, he allegedly participated in terrorist armed group meeting in the Mali-Algeria border area.

As official representative of the CMA in the peace process, Ag Rhissa's involvement in terrorism, organised crime and human rights abuses threatens the implementation of the Agreement and damages the credibility of the HCUA as negotiating partner.

MLi.003 Mohamed Ousmane Ag Mohamedoune

Date on which the narrative summary became available on the Committee's website: 20 December 2018

Reason for listing:

Mohamed Ousmane Ag Mohamedoune was listed on 20 December 2018 pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 3 of resolution 2374 (2017) for actions taken that obstruct, or that obstruct by prolonged delay, or that threaten the implementation of the Agreement; and his involvement in planning, directing, sponsoring, or conducting attacks against: (i) the various

entities referenced in the Agreement, including local, regional and state institutions, joint patrols and the Malian Security and Defence forces; (ii) MINUSMA peacekeepers and other UN and associated personnel, including members of the Panel of experts; (iii) international security presences, including the FC-G5S, European Union Missions and French forces.

Additional Information:

Mohamed Ousmane Ag Mohamedoune (refer to as Mohamed Ousmane) is the secretary general of the *Coalition pour le Peuple de l'Azawad* (CPA), created in 2014 as a splinter group from the *Mouvement National de Libération de l'Azawad* (MNLA). Mohamed Ousmane took over the leadership of the CPA in June 2015 and has established since 2016 several military bases and check-points in the Timbuktu region, notably in Soumpi and Echel.

In 2017 and 2018, the military chief of staff of Mohamed Ousmane, and other armed elements of the CPA, have been involved in deadly attacks against Malian security and armed forces in the area of Soumpi. Those attacks were claimed by the *Jamaat Nosrat al Islam wal Muslimin* (JNIM), a terrorist group led by Iyad Ag Ghali, listed under QDi.316 in the ISIL/Al-Qaida sanctions list established and maintained pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1267/1989/2253.

Mohamed Ousmane also founded in 2017 and presided a broader alliance of splinter groups, the *Coalition des Mouvements de l'Entente* (CME). Mohamed Ousmane organised the first convention of the CME in Tinaouker (Gao region) on 30 April 2018, during which he was appointed as spokesperson of the CME. During its founding convention, the CME openly threatened in an official statement the implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali.

The CME has been also involved in obstructions delaying the implementation of the Agreement, by pressuring the Malian government and the international community with the aim to impose the CME in the different mechanisms established by the Agreement.