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Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the note by the Secretary-General for agenda item **160-MINUSMA** regarding the financing arrangements for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

Let me start by thanking the Committee for making time available for this item in your Programme of Work.

A/69/828 lays out a proposal for increased requirements for MINUSMA for the current period. These requirements emanate from the request of the Security Council to take the necessary steps to enable the mission to reach its full operational capacity as soon as possible, within the context of a new Force laydown, which is critical for the Mission's operations in northern Mali where a complex security environment with asymmetric threats exists.

MINUSMA has gone from a target of opportunity or collateral damage, to a primary target. Injuries to Mission personnel as a result of improvised explosive devices (IED) quadrupled during 2014 relative to 2013. In addition, IED and anti-vehicle mines placed along routes used by MINUSMA severely hindered freedom of movement and negatively affected MINUSMA supply chain and operations in the North of Mali. No provision was made at the time of formulating the budget for 2014/15.

\$70.3 million are needed for facilities and infrastructure, mainly for the construction of additional camps and strengthening of existing camps in northern Mali, and \$10 million are needed for mine detection and mine clearing services.

The General Assembly is requested to appropriate and assess the amount of \$80.3 million for the 12-month period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. This is in addition to the amount of \$830.7 million already appropriated and assessed under the terms of General Assembly resolution 68/259 B.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

I am grateful for your consideration of this matter, and look forward to the discussions on this item. Thank you.