



Explanation of Vote

Mali Sanctions Renewal, 30 August 2023

Malta Statement delivered by Ms. Francesca Gatt
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President

We deliver this explanation of vote in light of the two resolutions presented to this Council.

Malta thanks France and the United Arab Emirates for their tireless efforts and extensive consultations on the former text, towards an outcome which continues to support Mali's security and stability. We believed that the draft prepared by the co-pens reflected this, and this is why we voted in favour of it.

Our position also reflects our steadfast support in retaining the sanctions regime and the mandate of the Panel of Experts at a time when they are needed the most.

We deeply regret that the co-pens text was vetoed by the Russian Federation and that an alternative text was tabled by the Russian Federation. We have abstained on this second draft presented as it seeks to eliminate these same measures that would have assisted Mali on its path towards genuine security and stability.



In light of MINUSMA's departure from Mali, the sanctions regime plays a critical role as the UN's sole source of monitoring the implementation of the Peace Agreement. This approach also aligns with the Security Council's duty to uphold peace and security in Mali by enforcing measures against any actor hindering the Agreement's implementation.

President

As the situation in Mali remains deeply concerning, we urge the Malian Authorities and all parties to the Agreement to respect the Peace Agreement. We condemn all violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, as well as violence against women and children.

Given the outcome during this session, we resolve to continue engaging in discussions to find a way forward.

I thank you.