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To
the United Nations, Secretary General Antonio Guterres
the African Union, Chairman Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal
ECOWAS Chairman, Nana Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana
the Mediator, Goodluck E. Jonathan, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
the European Commission, President Ursula von der Leyen
the European Parliament, President Roberta Mitsola

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Excellencies,

We, the G100 international Womens 'Network, Security&Defence Chapter, are seeking to promote human security and sustainable peace across the globe, so no person needs to live in fear. We are deeply concerned about the situation in Mali, especially since the unconstitutional change in government that took place in May 2021.

The situation compounded the already existing hardship caused by the violent terrorist attacks and civil unrest the country has been faced with in recent years; leading to an increase in hunger, poverty, health crisis, sexual violence against women and girls as well as displacement of persons.

As we all know, women and children are especially hard hit during such crises; worsened by the economic embargo and the closing of the borders. Prices of food and other basic necessities continue to increase drastically, while cross border trade and commerce, which is the mainstay of the average Malian, has suffered a major setback affecting the peoples standard of living.

While appreciating the recent re-opening of dialogue between the international community led by ECOWAS and the current leaders of Mali; we remain pre-occupied by the pace and lack of consensus on the way forward.

We are calling on your Excellencies to :

- implement the decision of the WAEMU regional court calling for the lifting of sanctions and embargo as it affects the ordinary citizens

- impress on ECOWAS to lift those sanctions that impose undue hardship on the ordinary people and replace them with 'smart 'sanctions targeting individuals.
- honour and implement the existing peace agreements and impress on the military rulers to do so as well
- involve women in the peace process at all levels
- press for an all encompassing security sector reform
- facilitate security and protection for women and children as well as the provision of health care and food supplies.

We look forward to a speedy resolution of the crises and return to peace and stability in Mali and the entire region.

Yours sincerely,

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