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### Resolution 2 (2013)

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2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 12 April 2013

*Believing* that Malian authorities, African and Western governments, and multilateral institutions must continue to work towards building peace and security in Mali;

*Concerning* about the fact that hundreds of thousands of Malian civilians have fled to neighboring countries (Burkina Faso, Niger, Mauritania and Algeria) and faced the crisis with regards to aid, provision and settlements;

*Welcoming* humanitarian assistance from aid agencies and UN Member States in order to meet basic needs and to respond to increasing numbers of refugees;

*Noting* with deep concern that little was done by the humanitarian community to protect refugees against threats of sexual violence, forced labor, and forced recruitment by armed groups from northern Mali;

*Taking into consideration* that refugee camps in host countries are located in the extremely challenging environment of the Sahel;

*Alarming* by the malnutrition rates in the camps (17 per cent in Mauritania and up to 21.2 per cent in Niger) which are well above the emergency threshold of 15 per cent set by the World Health Organization (WHO);

*Having studied* the reports of humanitarian workers about the cases of forced domestic work and discrimination in access to the services provided in the camps;

*Desiring* that host communities and pastoralist refugees will be better supported by humanitarian programmes;

*Proposes* to support the French and African troops in their fight against the rebels by sending armed forces and humanitarian aid from all the UN countries with their further temporal stay on the territory of Mali after the full suppression of the rebellion in order to provide people with secure return to their own homes;

*Urges* the countries to cooperate on providing psycho-social assistance and legal counselling to displaced persons both within and outside Mali;

*Calls upon* establishing of a permanent base in Mali and including it as a part of a regular rotation of French troops;

*Proposes* to establish a network of local actors able to provide accurate information on the needs of refugees, protection incidents and population movements to ensure that the humanitarian community mobilizes enough resources;

*Requests* to create an extensive system of camps on the territory of the countries-neighbours of Mali with full financial support of this project by UN countries;

*Further requests* to organise a workshop on child protection and family reunion;

*Strongly recommends* simplifying a procedure of children adoption from Mali in developed countries,

*Invites* the UN countries to continue their donations in response to the situation in Mali,

*Decides* to remain seized of the matter.