

## **IFIM Notice Regarding MALI**

The French military, in cooperation with Malian security forces and an African-led stabilization force, launched an operation against al- Qa'ida -linked insurgents controlling Mali's northern provinces in January 2013. The offensive forced the insurgents out of urban areas and into mountain and desert areas of the country. In April 2013, the United Nations established the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), which, along with Malian security forces, has taken over responsibility for major stabilization operations in Mali.

The security situation remains unstable. Extremist and militant elements, including al Qa'ida in the Lands of Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and elements of AQIM, Ansar al-Dine, the Movement for Oneness and Jihad (MUJAO), and other groups continue to be present in northern Mali, although they have been mostly dislodged from major population centers, including Gao and Timbuktu.

Multinational military efforts in Mali remain ongoing. There is still insurgent activity in the north and west. Civil aircraft operating into, out of, within or over Mali are at risk of encountering insurgent small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades, rocket and mortar fire, and anti-aircraft fire, to include shoulder-fired man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS).

U.S. operators and airmen planning to fly into, out of, within, or over Mali at or below FL240 must obtain current threat information; comply with all applicable FAA regulations, operations specifications, management specifications, and letters of authorization (including but not limited to OpSpec/MSpec/LOA B450); and provide advance notice of planned operations to the FAA at [aeo-citewatch@faa.gov](mailto:aeo-citewatch@faa.gov) with specific flight details. Additionally, U.S. operators must report security incidents to the FAA at +1 202-493-5833 or +1 202 267-3333.