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Annex A – Interview outline inmate interviews

Part 1 – Introduction
Researcher(s):

- Introduce themselves as part of an international research group focused on conflict areas and post-conflict situations. Include: name, nationality, institute/organization.
- Explain the goals of the research project and elaborate on how the interview can contribute to these goals. Goal: to gain better understanding of the background of individual inmates charged with violent extremist/terrorist crimes.
- Discuss how the information during the interview will be collected and how the privacy of the interviewee will be guaranteed. It will also be explained that data will be treated anonymously and confidentially and that the interviewee can at any point during the interview state if he does not know the answer to a question, is not willing to answer, or wants to end the interview. After explaining this, the researcher(s) will ask for verbal informed consent of the inmate to participate in the interview.
- End with asking the inmate whether they can provide some information about themselves ('Can you tell us something about your background and how you ended up here?') – and note the demographic information (name, age, nationality, marital status, charge).

Part 2 – Current situation

Main Questions	Additional questions	Expanding questions
How are you doing at this moment?	- How are you doing today? - How do you feel? - What is your daily routine? - How long have you been here / in prison? - To what extent do you receive visitors? - Can you tell us something about your life here?	Can you explain further? Would you like to add something to this? Can you give some examples?

Part 3 – Life history

Main Questions	Additional questions	Expanding questions
What is the background of the inmate / what did his life look like before prison?	- Can you tell us something about what your life looked like before prison? - Where were you born / what region are you from? - How did you end up in this situation? - What is your family background? - Can you tell us something about why you are here? - Can you elaborate on the group you identify with / can you elaborate about your role in this organization? - Can you tell us something about how you	Can you explain further? Would you like to add something to this? What factors played a role in that process?

	became involved with this group / organization (when, why and how)?	Can you give some examples?
Part 4 – Conclusion of the interview		
'Are there any topics that have not been discussed that you would like to discuss?' 'Is there anything you would like to add to what has just been discussed?' Researcher(s) end with thanking the inmate for participation, again emphasizing the anonymous, confidential and voluntary nature of the interview and provide the inmate with an information sheet that lists the contact details of the research team.		

Annex B – Interview outline professional interviews

Interview outline focus group interviews with pofessionals Part 1 – Introduction		
Researcher(s): • Introduce themselves as part of an international research group focused on conflict areas and post-conflict situations. Include: name, nationality, institute/organization. • Explain the goals of the research project and elaborate on how the focus group interview can contribute to these goals. • Discuss how the information during the interview will be collected and how the privacy of the interviewees will be guaranteed. It will also be explained that data will be treated anonymously and confidentially and that the interviewees can at any point during the interview state if they do not know the answer to a question, are not willing to answer, or want to end the interview. After explaining this, the researcher(s) will ask for verbal informed consent of the inmate to participate in the interview. • End with introductory round – name/affiliation and experience with (counter)terrorism		
Part 2 – Reasons for involvement in terrorism / radicalisation		
Main Questions	Additional questions	Expanding questions
Why do you think individuals join terrorist groups in Mali?	• Can you list some reasons? • Why those reasons? • What are the most important factors? • Do you all agree with this? • Is there a difference between terrorist groups?	Can you explain further? Would you like to add something to this? Can you give some examples?
What are causes for radicalization?	• Why do people radicalize? • Is this unique for Mali? • Is there one factor that is the most important factor? • Do you think this is different for other countries?	Can you explain further? Would you like to add something to this? What factors play a role in that process? Can you give some examples?

Part 3 – Conclusion of the interview
'Are there any topics that have not been discussed that you would like to discuss?' 'Is there anything you would like to add to what has just been discussed?' Researcher(s) end with thanking the group for participation, again emphasizing the anonymous, confidential and voluntary nature of the interview and provide the respondents with an information sheet that lists the contact details of the research team.

Interview outline individual interviews with pofessionals
Part 1 – Introduction

Researcher(s):
- Introductions: what is the affiliation of and role/position of the interviewee?

Part 2 – Terrorism in Mali

Main Questions	Additional questions	Expanding questions
How would you describe the current situation in Mali?	- In what context do you do your work? - Can you describe the security / political situation in the country? - Is terrorism a problem in Mali? - To what extent is terrorism a problem in Mali? - How did this situation come about?	Can you explain further? Can you give some examples?
What is the role of international actors in Mali?	- What international actors are active in Mali? - Which ones are the most important actors (and why)? - What is the impact of international actors on Mali's security / political situation? - Do international actors / does their presence contribute to or hinder terrorism in Mali?	Can you explain further? What factors play a role in that process? Can you give some examples?
Why do individuals become involved with or join terrorist groups in Mali?	- What factors play a role? - Why do people radicalize in Mali? - Why do individuals engage with terrorist groups? - How do people become involved with terrorist groups?	Can you explain further? Can you give some examples?
Part 3 – Conclusion of the interview		
'Are there any topics that have not been discussed that you would like to discuss?' 'Is there anything you would like to add to what has just been discussed?'		

Annex C – Anonymised list of professional respondents

Respondent category		Specific background	
Semi-structured interviews		*ID in text*	*Name / position*
	Embassy staff	Official from French Embassy	Political Advisor
		Official from Canadian Embassy	Political Affairs Advisor
		Senior official from US Embassy	Acting Ambassador
		Political Officer from Dutch Embassy	Political Officer
		Security Advisor from Dutch Embassy	Security & Ruleof Law Advisor
	NGO/CSO staff	Mercy Corps Official	Senior Political Advisor
		International Alert Official	Programme Manager
		Think Peace Mali Official	Program Manager
		Center for Humanitarian Dialogue Official	Local Advisor
		SNV Official	Local Country Manager
	MINUSMA staff	UNDSS Senior Official	Deputy Director
		JMAC Senior Official	Director
		JMAC Operational Analyst	Analyst
		ASIFU Senior Official	Commander
		UN Human Rights Official	Senior Advisor
		UN Security Sector Reform Official	Senior Advisor
	Other	University of Bamako Researcher	Researcher
		US former Intelligence Officer	CIA
		Senior Official EU Delegation	Director
Focus group interviews			
	Religious leaders	23	
	Prison staff	15	
	Ministry of Justice	2	
	DNAPES Headquarters	3	
	MINUSMA Justice and Corrections	5	
	Judge	1	
	Prosecutor	1	
	Ministry of Religious Affairs	5	