



**COMMUNIQUE OF THE ECOWAS MEDIATION MISSION ON THE
RESOLUTION OF THE SOCIO-POLITICAL CRISIS IN MALI**

ECOWAS Commission
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1. In conformity with the ECOWAS Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance, an ECOWAS Mediation Mission led by **H.E. DR. GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN, GCFR**, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, was deployed to Mali from 15th to 19th July 2020, with a view to finding a solution to the socio-political crisis in Mali. The Mediator was accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Niger Nationals Abroad of the Republic of Niger, current Chair of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers, H.E. Kalla Ankourao, the President of the ECOWAS Commission, H.E. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou, and the ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, General Francis Behanzin, as well as Constitutional Experts. This Mission is a follow-up to the ECOWAS Good Offices Ministerial Mission to Mali from 18th to 20th June 2020.
2. The Mission held consultations with the President of the Republic, H.E. President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, Prime Minister of the Republic, H.E. Boubou Cisse, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, Imam Mahmoud Dicko, representatives of the strategic committee of the MS-RFP, the majority coalition in Parliament, and members of Civil Society. In addition, the Special Envoy met with the African Union Commission High Representative for Mali and the Sahel (MISAHEL), H.E. Pierre Buyoya, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Mali and Head of MINUSMA, H.E. Annadif Mahamat Saleh, Ambassadors of the EU, US, France, Russia and China.
3. The Mission also held consultations with the Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, members of the National Council of the Judiciary, members of the Malian Bar Association, members of the Framework for Action, Mediation and Monitoring of the religious leaders and civil society organisations, the National Council for Human Rights, the magistrates' union, the National Youth Council, the network of Women Parliamentarians, the Platform of Women Leaders of Mali, and representatives of the Coordination of the AZAWAD Movements (CMA).

4. The Mission seized the opportunity to express its condolences to the people and the Government of Mali for the loss of lives and to wish the injured a speedy recovery.
5. The Mission strongly condemns all forms of violence and calls on all parties to exercise restraint. It urges the authorities to finalise all the investigations into the deaths that occurred during the demonstrations on 10th, 11th and 12th July 2020. These investigations must also extend to all forms of violence and destruction of public buildings, including the National Assembly, the Office of the Radio and Television of Mali (ORTM), and the High Council of Local Communities, as well as private property, in order to establish all responsibilities with a view to implementing the appropriate sanctions.
6. At the end of the various consultations with all the stakeholders, the Mission noted that the issues of the socio-political crisis revolved around governance issues as well as the points already raised by the ECOWAS Ministerial Mission of 18th to 20th June 2020, including:
 - a. Reconstitution of the Constitutional Court subsequent to the abrogation of the decree appointing its members;
 - b. Addressing the disputed 31 seats in parliament; and
 - c. Formation of a government of national unity.

In addition to these points, there are concerns related to the tragic events of 10th, 11th, and 12 July 2020.

7. In this context, and following the various consultations with all stakeholders, the Mediation Mission makes the following proposals for a way out of the crisis:
 - With regard to the reconstitution of the Constitutional Court, the Mission recommends, pending the settlement of the disputes over the legislative elections, that the Presidency of the Republic and the Supreme Legal Council to each appoint three (3) members of the Constitutional Court. The President of the Republic's nominations will be made on a consensual basis,

by involving all the stakeholders, in conformity with Article 91 of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Mali. The six (6) members of the Court appointed thus meet the quorum requirement. The Court, thus reconstituted, will deliberate and review the results of the legislative elections of the thirty-one (31) parliamentarians concerned.

Subsequent to the resolution of the disputed legislative election on the **31 seats of the National Assembly** by the Constitutional Court, the National Assembly, on a consensual basis, will nominate its three (3) members to complete the full membership of the Constitutional Court.

- **As a matter of urgency**, there is the need to put in place **a government of national unity**, based on consensus and taking into account the recommendations of the Inclusive National Dialogue and the following proposed representations:
- a. Fifty percent (50%) of the members of government will be drawn from the ruling coalition;
 - b. Thirty percent (30%) of the members of government will be drawn from the opposition; and
 - c. Twenty percent (20%) members of government will be drawn from civil society;

Upon its formation, the new Government will give **priority to enhancing governance, to the reforms provided for in the conclusions of the Inclusive National Dialogue and to the expeditious implementation of the Algiers Agreement**. The implementation of these measures should be concluded by 31st July 2020.

8. The Mission also recalls the importance and necessity of respecting the Institutions of the Republic, particularly the constitutional means of ascending to power, in conformity with the ECOWAS Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance. ECOWAS will not tolerate any form of unconstitutional ascend to power.



9. Furthermore, the Mission encourages all the stakeholders to resort to dialogue and negotiation to resolve the socio-political crisis in good faith and mutual trust with a view to sustaining peace and security in the country.
10. A Technical Committee will be put in place immediately by ECOWAS to monitor and follow up on the implementation of the proposed measures. This Committee will comprise representatives of the Government, Parliament, civil society, the Judiciary, Women and Youth associations, and the ECOWAS Representation in Mali.
11. The Mediation Mission welcomes the support of the proposed measures by all the stakeholders met, with the exception of the Strategic Committee of the M5-RFP. ECOWAS will take all necessary measures to ensure the effective implementation of the proposed measures and remain seized of the matter. A report will be submitted to the next Summit of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government.
12. The Mission reiterates ECOWAS' solidarity with the Government of Mali and the family of Honourable Soumaïla CISSE, President of the Union for the Republic and Democracy party, Leader of the Opposition, who has been kidnapped since March 2020. It invites the Malian Government to intensify its efforts to obtain his release without delay.

Done in Bamako, this 19th Day of July 2020



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