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**EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
OF THE ECOWAS AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

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FINAL COMMUNIQUE

1. The Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) convened an Extraordinary Session via videoconference on 8 September 2021, under the chairmanship of **H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana** and Chair of the Authority, to review the political situation in Guinea and the political transition in Mali.

2. Present at the Summit were the under-listed ECOWAS Heads of State and Government or their duly mandated representatives:

H. E. **Roch Marc Christian Kabore**, President of Burkina Faso

H. E. **Alassane Ouattara**, President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

H.E. **Adama Barrow**, President of the Republic of The Gambia

H.E. **Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**, President of the Republic of Ghana

H. E. **Umaro Sissoco Embaló**, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau

H.E. **Georges Manneh Weah**, President of the Republic of Liberia

H.E. **Mohamed Bazoum**, President of the Republic of Niger

H. E. **Macky Sall**, President of the Republic of Senegal

H. E. **Julius Maada Bio**, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

H. E. **Faure Essozimna Gnassingbe**, President of the Togolese Republic

H.E. **Yemi Osinbajo**, Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

H.E. **Aurélien Agbenonci**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Benin

H.E. **Rui Alberto de Figueiredo Soares**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration of the Republic of Cabo Verde.

3. The session was also attended by H.E. **Jean-Claude Kassi Brou**, President of the ECOWAS Commission, H.E. **Moussa Faki Mahamat**, Chairperson of the African Union Commission and H.E. **Mahamat Saleh Annadif**, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General for West Africa.



4. The Heads of State and Government took note of the Memorandum presented by the President of the Commission on the political situation in the Republic of Guinea characterised by the coup d'état, which occurred, on 5 September 2021, by members of the Special Forces of the Republic of Guinea, led by Colonel Mamady Doumbouya.

5. The Heads of State also took note of the report of the follow-up mission on the political transition in the Republic of Mali presented by the Mediator, H.E. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan.

6. They commended the quality of the memorandum and the report as well as the relevant recommendations contained therein.

7. The Authority, after deliberations, endorsed the main recommendations contained in the different reports, and took the following decisions:

On the political situation in the Republic of Guinea

8. The Authority expresses deep concern over the political developments in the Republic of Guinea following the coup d'état of 5 September 2021 and their consequences for regional peace and stability. It reaffirms its unreserved opposition to any political change by unconstitutional means and condemns, in the strongest terms, this coup.



9. The Authority demands respect for the physical safety of the President of the Republic and Head of State, H.E. Alpha Condé, and his immediate and unconditional release, as well as that of all arrested persons. It holds the coup plotters, under the aegis of the National Committee for Reconciliation and Development (CNRD), individually and collectively responsible for the physical safety of President Alpha Condé and the arrested persons.

10. The Authority calls for the immediate return to constitutional order and demands that the Defence and Security Forces maintain a constitutional posture.

11. The Heads of State and Government express their solidarity with the people of Guinea and affirm their determination to take every necessary action for the restoration of constitutional order in Guinea, in conformity with the Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance. To that end, the Authority decides as follows:

- a. to suspend Guinea from all ECOWAS governing bodies with immediate effect,
- b. to immediately dispatch a high-level ECOWAS mission to Guinea to assess the situation,
- c. the Authority will review the situation in light of developments in the Republic of Guinea and the Assessment mission report.

12. The Authority calls on the African Union and the United Nations to endorse the decisions stated in paragraphs 8, 9, 10 and 11 of this Final Communiqué.



13. The Authority decides to remain actively seized on the matter.

On the political transition in the Republic of Mali

14. The Authority considered the report by the Mediator, H.E. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, on his mission to Mali from 5 to 7 September 2021. The mission reviewed the transition process and, particularly, the progress made in the preparations for the election scheduled to be held in February 2022.

15. The Authority welcomes the relative calm observed in the country and takes note of the renewed commitment of the transitional authorities to respect the planned duration of the transition period. The Authority also takes note of the lifting of the restrictive measures imposed on the former President of the Transition, H.E. Bah N'Daw, and the former Prime Minister, Mr Moctar Ouane. It calls on the Chair of the Authority to remain seized of the matter and of the conditions of detention of former senior government officials, particularly, the former Prime Minister, Mr. Boubeye Maiga, a person of advanced age.

16. The Authority expresses great concern over the lack of progress in the preparations for the different election-related activities scheduled for the end of February 2022, in accordance with the decisions of the Authority. It urges the Transitional Government to draw up, rapidly a timetable detailing the calendar, reforms and priority actions to be undertaken, including the consensual



definition of the legal framework for the elections, the preparation of the voters list, and the choice of the body to conduct the elections. The Authority insists on adherence to the agreed electoral timetable.

17. The Authority reaffirms ECOWAS' commitment to supporting the Republic of Mali for a successful transition and calls on multilateral and bilateral partners to continue to support the transition process, particularly in the preparations for the elections. In this connection, the Authority congratulates the Mediator, and urges him to continue his efforts for a successful transition in Mali.

18. The Heads of State and Government express their deep gratitude to **H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**, President of the Republic of Ghana and Chair of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, for his leadership of the Community.

Done via Videoconference, this 8th day of September 2021

The Authority

