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**ECOWAS MEDIATOR'S MISSION TO BURKINA FASO**

**17 - 18 JUNE 2022**

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- 1- In fulfillment of the mandate entrusted to him by the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government at the Extraordinary Summit held on 4 June 2022, the ECOWAS Mediator, **H.E. President Mahamadou Issoufou**, former President of the Republic of Niger, led a fact-finding mission to Burkina Faso, on 17 and 18 June 2022.
- 2- He was accompanied by **H.E. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou**, President of the Commission, **General Francis A. Behanzin**, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security and **H.E. Tiena Coulibaly**, ECOWAS Resident Representative to Burkina Faso.
- 3- The objective of the Mission was to meet the Transition Authorities to discuss the challenges facing Burkina Faso in terms of security, humanitarian, institutional, climate change and development. He noted that these challenges are all interconnected. He also recalled the need to agree on an acceptable timetable for a rapid return to constitutional order.
- 4- The Mediator was received in audience by **Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Henri Sandawogo Damiba**, President of the Transition, Head of State, and availed himself of the opportunity to offer his condolences in the wake of the **Seytenga massacre in the north of the country**.
- 5- The Mediator also held talks with a ministerial delegation led by **Hon. Olivia Ragnagnewendé Rouamba**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Cooperation and Burkinabè Abroad, as well as members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Burkina Faso.
- 6- The Mediator commended the efforts of the Transition Authorities regarding former President **Roch Marc Christian Kaboré** and recalled the appeal made by the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government for the full freedom of the former President.
- 7- The Mediator urged the Transition Authorities to continue the ongoing efforts to improve security in the country. He also called on external partners to increase humanitarian assistance to Burkina Faso.



- 8- The Mediator also emphasised the need to reach a workable compromise in the preparation of an acceptable timetable for a rapid return to constitutional order. The Mediator also informed the Transition Authorities of the need to develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism to support the Transition process.
- 9- The Mission expressed its appreciation to the Burkinabe authorities for the warm welcome and open and cordial discussions, as well as for the facilities provided to them to ensure the success of their visit.

Done in Ouagadougou, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022

**The Mediator**



**H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou,  
Former President of the Republic of Niger**