



## **EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE ECOWAS AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON THE SITUATION IN MALI, GUINEA, AND BURKINA FASO**

Accra, Republic of Ghana

4<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### **FINAL COMMUNIQUE**

1. The Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) convened an Extraordinary Session in Accra, Republic of Ghana, on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022, under the chairmanship of H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana and Chair of the ECOWAS Authority.
2. The Extraordinary Summit was convened to review the recent political developments in Mali, Guinea and Burkina Faso, since the last Extraordinary Summit held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Accra.
3. Present at the Summit were the under-listed ECOWAS Heads of State and Government or their duly mandated representatives:
  - **H.E. Patrice TALON**, President of the Republic of Benin.
  - **H.E. Alassane OUATTARA**, President of the Republic of Côte 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 EMBALO**, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau.
- **H.E. George WEAH**, President of the Republic of Liberia.
- **H.E. Mohamed BAZOUM**, President of the Republic of Niger.
- **H.E. Muhammadu BUHARI**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- **H.E. Macky SALL**, President of the Republic of Senegal.
- **H.E. Faure Essozimna GNASSINGBE**, President of the Togolese Republic.
- **H.E. Belarmino Monteiro SILVA**, Ambassador of Cabo Verde to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- **H.E. Frances Virginia ANDERSON**, High Commissioner of the Republic of Sierra Leone to Ghana.

4. The Summit was also attended by:

- **H.E. Dr Goodluck Ebele JONATHAN**, ECOWAS Mediator for Mali, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat**, President of the African Union Commission.
- **Mr Jean-Claude Kassi BROU**, President of the ECOWAS Commission.
- **Mr Abdoulaye DIOP**, President of the UEMOA Commission.
- **Mr Mahamat Saleh ANNADIF**, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS).
- **Mr El Ghassim WANE**, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Mali and Head of MINUSMA.

5. The Heads of State and Government considered the report presented by **H.E. Dr Goodluck Ebele JONATHAN** on the situation in Mali and the reports of the ECOWAS Assessment Mission to Burkina Faso and on the situation in Guinea presented by **Hon. Albert KAN-DAPAAH**, Minister of National Security of the Republic of Ghana, representing **H.E. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana, Chair of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers.

6. The Authority has also considered the memorandum presented by the President of the Commission on the deployment of the Support Mission for the Stabilization in Guinea Bissau and on the Financial Situation of the Missions.

7. The Authority commends the quality of the documents presented and takes note of the recommendations contained therein.

#### **On Burkina Faso:**

8. On the security front, the Authority takes note of the efforts made by Burkina Faso, despite its numerous challenges, in recovering some localities, thus leading to the return of some of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and the reopening of some schools.

9. In this regard, the Authority encourages the Transition Authorities to sustain the momentum towards further enhancing security in the country.

10. On the humanitarian front, the Authority expresses serious concern about the deteriorating humanitarian situation compared to the situation noted by the previous ECOWAS mission in the country in April 2022. It calls on the

International Community to strengthen its humanitarian support to Burkina Faso.

11. The Authority welcomes the decision to allow former President Kaboré to return to his home and insists that he be given full freedom.

12. The Authority reiterates its concern about the duration of the transition period set at 36 months by the Burkinabé Authorities as stated in its Communiqué issued on 25 March 2022. Consequently, and in accordance with the decision of the Extraordinary Summit held on 3 February 2022, the Authority:

- a. Reiterates its strong condemnation of the coup d'Etat of 24 January 2022.
- b. Decides to uphold the suspension of Burkina Faso from all ECOWAS institutions until constitutional order is restored.
- c. Demands the finalisation of an acceptable transition timetable
- d. Takes note of the correspondence of 31 May 2022, from the Transition Authorities stating their willingness and commitment to continue dialogue with ECOWAS to ensure a return to constitutional order as soon as possible.
- e. Decides, in line with this commitment, to continue the discussions with the authorities on the transition with a view to reaching an agreement.

13. The Authority decides to examine the situation in Burkina Faso at its next Ordinary Summit on July 3, 2022.

14. Furthermore, the Authority decides to appoint H.E. Mahamadou ISSOUFOU, former President of the Republic of Niger, as ECOWAS Mediator for Burkina Faso, to facilitate dialogue among all stakeholders.

### **On Guinea:**

15. The Authority expresses serious concern over the deteriorating socio-political situation notably due to the lack of an appropriate dialogue framework between the government and the political stakeholders and civil society actors. The Authority is also concerned about the length of the 36-month transition period announced by the transition authorities.

16. Consequently, the Authority:

- a. Demands the finalisation of an acceptable transition timetable.
- b. Urges the government to establish an appropriate framework for dialogue with political and civil society stakeholders in order to ease the socio-political tension and ensure a peaceful transition.
- c. Recommends the continuation of the discussions on these two items.
- d. Confirms the designation of H.E. Mohamed Ibn CHAMBAS as ECOWAS Mediator in Guinea.
- e. Call upon the Government to respect the human rights of all Guinean citizen and to desist from any arbitrary act that undermine the rule of law in Guinea.

17. The Authority decides to examine the situation in Guinea at its next Ordinary Summit on July 3, 2022.

### **On Mali:**

18. The Authority commends the efforts made by the ECOWAS Mediator with a view to reaching an acceptable timetable to ensure a quick return to constitutional order, in accordance with the ECOWAS and African Union protocols and decisions.

19. The Authority decides to ask the Mediator to Mali to continue his efforts and to finalise the discussions with the Transition Authorities.

20. Accordingly, the Authority decides to:

- a. Uphold the sanctions imposed on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- b. Continue the dialogue with a view to reaching an agreement to ensure a gradual lifting of the sanctions as benchmarks of the transition are met.
- c. Call on partners to increase their humanitarian support to Mali.

21. The Authority decides to examine the situation in Mali at its next Ordinary Summit on July 3, 2022.

**On the Stabilisation Support Mission in Guinea Bissau (MASGB) and on the Financial Situation of the Stabilisation Missions:**

22. The Authority takes note of the Commission's report on the deployment of the Mission in Guinea-Bissau, with a view to ensuring the stability of the country. It expresses gratitude to the troop contributing countries (TCC) for their support and takes note of the financial situation of the Stabilisation Missions.

23. The Heads of State and Government express deep appreciation 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 in ensuring the success of the Summit.

Done in Accra, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

**THE AUTHORITY**