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**SUMMIT OF ECOWAS PRESIDENTIAL TROIKA + 1 ON POLITICAL AND  
SECURITY SITUATION IN THE ECOWAS REGION**

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1. Under the leadership of **H.E. Bola Ahmed Tinubu, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria** and Chairman of ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, a Summit of ECOWAS Presidential Troika + 1 was convened on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, to reflect on the political and security situation in the Region.
2. In attendance were:
  - H.E. **Bola Ahmed Tinubu**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
  - H.E. **Patrice Talon**, President of Republic of Benin;
  - H.E General **Umaro Sissoco Embaló**, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau;
  - H.E. **Mohamed Bazoum**, President of the Republic of Niger;
3. H.E. **Omar Alieu Touray**, President of ECOWAS Commission, also attended the Summit.

**On the political situation in the ECOWAS region, the leaders have:**

4. examined the political transition in Mali, Guinea and Burkina Faso.
5. decided to re-engage the three member-states in transition at the highest level. To that end, H.E. Patrice Talon, President of the Republic of Benin, will undertake a consultative visit in the three countries on behalf of the Troika.
6. underscored their resolve to see an expeditious return to constitutional order in the member-states in accordance with relevant ECOWAS protocols and the transition charters of each of the countries.
7. reaffirmed ECOWAS commitment to supporting credible and inclusive democratic elections in each of the three countries.

**On the security situation in the region, the Troika+1 have:**

8. reiterated ECOWAS' resolve to providing a robust regional response to threats to peace and security. The regional response shall include the expeditious operationalization of a revised ECOWAS Plan of Action for the Eradication of Terrorism in the region as well as collaboration with other security initiatives. The response may also include direct support to Member States in their fight against terrorism.
9. reaffirmed their strong commitment to financing the regional security mechanism from the region's own resources.
10. called on the United Nations and other partners to support the region's efforts.

**Done in Abuja, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023**