



**FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Abuja, 17-18 July 2013

DECISION A/DEC. 1/07/13 EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF ECOMIB

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 58 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty on regional security;

MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Declaration of Political Principles adopted in Abuja on 6 July 1991;

MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, Peace-keeping and Security signed in Lome on 10 December 1999;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/04/12 of 26 April 2012 authorising the deployment of a contingent of the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) in Guinea Bissau;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/5/12 on the expansion of the mandate of the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) in Guinea Bissau;



MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/11/12 of 11 November 2012 extending the mandate of the ECOWAS Mission in Guinea Bissau (ECOMIB) and prolonging the period of its deployment for a further six months;

CONSIDERING that according to the provisions of Decision A/DEC.02/11/12 of 11 November 2012, the mandate of ECOMIB has run for renewed period of six (6) months;

RECALLING that this mandate has ended whereas the transition period has been extended till 31 December 2013;

DETERMINED to enable ECOMIB continue implementing its mandate until the end of the transition in Guinea Bissau;

DESIROUS of extending the duration of the ECOWAS Mission in Guinea Bissau (ECOMIB) for a period of twelve (12) months;

AFTER CONSIDERATION of the Memorandum of the President of the ECOWAS Commission on Guinea Bissau;

UPON RECOMMENDATION of the 30th meeting of the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council at Ministerial level, which took place in Abuja on 15 July 2013;

DECIDES

Article 1

The mandate of ECOMIB is hereby extended for twelve (12) months from 17 May 2013 to 16 May 2014.



Article 2

This Decision shall be published by the Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Journal within thirty (30) days of notification by the Commission thereof.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 18TH DAY OF JULY 2013

H.E. ALASSANE OUATTARA

THE CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY