EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF ECOWAS HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ON THE SITUATION IN COTE D'IVOIRE

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Introduction

1. At the request of His Excellency, President Mamadou Tandja, President of the Republic of Niger and current Chairman of ECOWAS, an extraordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was held in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, on 6 October 2006.

2. The summit examined the status of the peace process and the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1633.

3. The following Heads of State and Government or their duly accredited representatives attended the summit:

1. His Excellency Dr. Yayl Boni
   President of the Republic of Benin

2. His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaore
   President of Burkina Faso
   Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Burkina Faso

3. His Excellency Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires
   President of the Republic of Cape Verde

4. His Excellency Mr. Laurent Gbagbo
   President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

5. His Excellency João Bernardo Vieira
   President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau

6. Her Excellency Mrs. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
   President of the Republic of Liberia

7. His Excellency Mr. Amadou Toumani Toure
   President of the Republic of Mali

8. His Excellency Mr. Mamadou Tandja
   President of the Republic of Niger

9. His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR
   President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

10. His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade
    President of the Republic of Senegal

11. His Excellency Mr. Faure Gnassingbe
    President of the of Togolase Republic
4. His Excellency Mr Lamin Kabba Bajo  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs  
Representing the President of the Republic of The Gambia

13. His Excellency Nana Akufo Addo MP  
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Cooperation & NEPAD  
Representing the President of the Republic of Ghana

14. His Excellency Chief Alhaji Ambassador Mohammed P. Bayoh  
High Commissioner of the Republic of Sierra Leone accredited to the Federal Republic of Nigeria

15. His Excellency Mr. Radolphe Adada  
Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Representing President Sassou Nguesso of the Republic of Congo

4. The following high personalities also attended the extraordinary summit:

1. Dr Mohamed Ibn Chambas  
Executive Secretary, ECOWAS

2. Ambassador Said DJINNIT  
Commissioner; Peace and Security/African Union

3. Mr Charles Konan Banny  
Prime Minister of Cote d'Ivoire

4. Mr. Pierre Schori  
Special representative of the Secretary General

5. Ambassador Raph Uwechue  
Special Representative of the Executive Secretary in Côte d'Ivoire

6. Mr. Gérard Stoudmann  
High Representative of the United Nations for Elections in Côte d'Ivoire

5. After having been informed of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, the Heads of State and Government expressed their deep concern about the numerous deep-rooted and persistent blockages identified by the IWG and which impede the implementation of the Yamoussoukro decisions and the roadmap prepared in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1633.

6. Commending the efforts made by the Ivoirian Government to accelerate the implementation of the roadmap, they however, deplored the various constraints and delays which made it impossible for the elections to be held on 30 October 2006 as scheduled.
7. They further noted that the persistent Ivorian crisis, in the long run, poses a serious threat to regional peace and security.

8. They reaffirmed that, United Nations Resolution 1633 (2005) is, for ECOWAS, an ideal framework for the resolution of the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire.

9. In this context, they strongly condemned all forms of blockage to its implementation and recommended to the United Nations Security Council to take every necessary appropriate measure in this regard.

10. The Heads of State and Government expressed satisfaction with the IWG for the time and the initiative taken to monitor the implementation of the roadmap in Côte d'Ivoire and lend support to the United Nations Forces in Côte d'Ivoire and to the French Forces for the stabilisation of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire.

11. The Heads of State and Government agreed to submit their recommendations to the Peace and Security Council of the African Union at its next session.

12. Finally, the Heads of State and Government expressed their deep gratitude to President Olusegun Obasanjo and to the people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the generous and truly African hospitality extended to them.