



EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE ECOWAS AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

9th February 2020, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

COMMUNIQUE

1. The Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) held an extraordinary session on February 9, 2020 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the chairmanship of **H.E Issoufou Mahamadou**, President of the Republic of Niger and Chair of the Authority.
2. Present at the Summit were the under-listed ECOWAS Heads of State or their duly mandated representatives:
 - **H.E Roch Marc Christian Kabore**, President of Burkina Faso ;
 - **H.E. Jorge Carlos Fonseca**, President of Cabo Verde ;
 - **H.E Alassane Ouattara**, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire ;
 - **H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**, President of the Republic of Ghana ;
 - **H.E. Alpha Condé**, President of the Republic of Guinea ;
 - **H.E Muhammadu Buhari**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria ;
 - **H.E Macky Sall**, President of the Republic of Senegal ;
 - **H.E Julius Maada Bio**, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone ;
 - **HE. Isatou Touray**, Vice-President of The Gambia ;
 - **H.E. Aristides Gomes**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea Bissau ;
 - **Mr. Aurelien Agbenonci**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and African Integration of the Republic of Benin ;
 - **Mr. Tiebile Drame**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Mali ;

- Prof. **Robert Dussey**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Togolese Abroad of the Togolese Republic.
- 3. The session was also attended by **H.E. Jean-Claude Kassi BROU**, President of the ECOWAS Commission.
- 4. The meeting commenced with the opening speech by **H.E. Issoufou Mahamadou**, President of the Republic of Niger and Chair of the Authority, who welcomed his peers.

On the political situation in Guinea Bissau

5. The Authority took note of the report presented by the President of the ECOWAS Commission on the political situation in Guinea Bissau since the presidential election on 29th December 2019.
6. The Authority noted the conclusions of the Ministerial Committee mission of 30th January 2020.
7. The Authority welcomed the peaceful organization of the first round of the presidential election in Guinea-Bissau on 24th November 2019 and the second round on 29th December 2019, under conditions deemed fair and transparent by the ECOWAS electoral mission and by all the international missions that observed the process.
8. The Authority congratulated the Bissau-Guinean people for their active participation in these consultations, which thus brings to an end the electoral cycle established by the Bissau-Guinean Authorities, after the legislative elections of 10th March 2019.
9. The Authority welcomed the professionalism exhibited by the ECOMIB forces in securing the elections, while encouraging the Defence and Security Forces of Guinea Bissau to continue to maintain their neutrality in this political crisis.
10. The Heads of State and Government noted that, following the announcement of the results by the National Electoral Commission (NEC), appeals were lodged with the Supreme Court, which, after examination, asked the National Electoral Commission to commence with a verification procedure of the national consolidation of data by the Regional Commissions under the aegis of ECOWAS.
11. The Authority took note that these assignments were accomplished by the National Electoral Commission, that confirmed the results

