



FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Abuja, 15 December 2014

DECISION A/DEC.02/12/14 EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF THE ECOWAS MISSION IN GUINEA BISSAU (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 Political Principle Declaration adopted in Abuja on 6 July 1991;

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

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

MINDFUL of Decisions A/DEC.1/5/12, A/DEC.2/11/12 of 11 November 2012 and A/DEC. 02/11/12 of 11 November 2012 respectively expanding the mandate of the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) in Guinea Bissau, renewing the mandate of the ECOWAS Mission in Guinea Bissau (ECOMIB) and extending its deployment for a new period of six (6) months;



MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/7/13 approving the extension of the tenure of the transitional organs in Guinea Bissau;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 8/03/14 extending the mandate of the ECOWAS Mission in Guinea Bissau (ECOMIB);

CONSIDERING that in line with the provisions of Decision A/DEC 8/03/14 of 29 March 2014, ECOMIB's mandate was renewed until 31 December 2014;

AWARE that in order to sustainably guarantee Guinea Bissau's return to constitutional order and security, it is important to continue the ECOWAS Mission in that country with a view to supporting the Government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau in consolidating its authority in order to address the security challenges;

DETERMINED to allow ECOMIB to continue the execution of its mandate during the post-electoral period;

DESIROUS of extending the mandate of the ECOWAS Mission in Guinea Bissau (ECOMIB) for a new period of six (6) months;

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

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 33rd Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council at ministerial level held on 12 December 2014 in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria;



DECIDES

Article 1:

ECOMIB's mandate is hereby extended for six (6) months from 1st January to 30 June 2015.

Article 2:

During the period as prescribed by Article 1 of this Decision, ECOMIB's mandate shall include:

- a) Support for the Government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau in consolidating its authority in order to address the security challenges;
- b) Support for the security of Institutions and the citizens;
- c) Provision of humanitarian assistance where necessary;
- d) Support for the Defence and Security Sector Reform Programme (DSSRP) in the area of security, training and restructuring of security agencies;
- e) Support for the Post-Electoral Reform Programme; and
- f) Performance of any other security tasks as the case may be.



Article 3:

1. This Decision shall enter into force upon signature by the Chairman of the Authority.
2. This Decision shall be published by the President of the Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days after signature. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette thirty (30) days after notification by the Commission.

DONE AT ABUJA ON THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2014



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H.E. JOHN DRAMANI MAHAMA

FOR THE AUTHORITY

THE CHAIRMAN