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**EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT
OF THE ECOWAS AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT ON THE SITUATION IN GUINEA AND MALI**

New York, 22nd September 2022

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1. The Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) convened an Extraordinary Session in New York, US on the margins of the UN General Assembly, on 22nd September 2022, under the chairmanship of **H.E. Umaro Sissoco Embaló**, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau and Chair of the ECOWAS Authority.

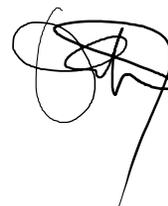
2. The Extraordinary Summit was convened to review the report of the ECOWAS Mediator for Guinea, and the situation of the 46 Ivorian soldiers detained in Mali.

3. Present at the Summit were the under-listed ECOWAS Heads of State and Government or their duly mandated representatives:

- **H.E. Alassane Ouattara**, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire;
- **H.E. Adama Barrow**, President of the Republic of The Gambia;
- **H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**, President of the Republic of Ghana;
- **H.E. Umaro Sissoco Embaló**, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau;
- **H.E. George Weah**, President of the Republic of Liberia;
- **H.E. Macky Sall**, President of the Republic of Senegal.

4. The Summit was also attended by:

- **H.E. Dr Rui Alberto de Figueiredo Soares**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration of the Republic of Cabo Verde;

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- **H.E. Hassoumi Massoudou**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Nigeriens Abroad of the Republic of Niger;
- **H.E. Geoffrey Onyeama**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- **Prof. David J. Francis**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone;
- **Prof. Robert Dussey**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Togolese Abroad of the Togolese Republic;
- **Ambassador Marc Hermanne G. Araba**, Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations.

5. The Summit was also attended by:

- **H.E. Thomas Boni Yayi**, ECOWAS Mediator for Guinea, former President of the Republic of Benin;
- **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat**, President of the African Union Commission;
- **Dr Omar Alieu Touray**, President of the ECOWAS Commission;
- **Mr Mahamat Saleh Annadif**, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS).

6. The Heads of State and Government considered the report presented by **H.E. Thomas Boni Yayi** on the situation in Guinea, and the memorandum on the situation in Guinea and that of the 46 Ivorian soldiers detained in Mali.

7. The Authority commended the quality of the documents presented and took note of the recommendations contained therein.



On Guinea:

8. The Authority recalled that at the 61st Ordinary Summit of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government held on 3rd July 2022 in Accra, the Authority requested the Mediator to continue engagement with the Transition Authorities to arrive at an acceptable transition timetable latest by 1st August 2022, failing which the economic and financial sanctions as well as targeted sanctions would be imposed in conformity with its deliberations at the Extraordinary Summit held on 25th March 2022 in Accra. The Authority further decided to uphold the suspension of Guinea from all ECOWAS decision-making bodies and to remain seized on the situation in Guinea.

9. After considering the report presented by the ECOWAS Mediator for Guinea on the situation in Guinea, and noting that not much progress has been made in arriving at an acceptable transition timetable, the Authority decides to impose diplomatic, economic, and financial sanctions on Guinea. These sanctions include:

- a. Recall for consultations by ECOWAS Member States of their ambassadors accredited to the Republic of Guinea;
- b. Suspension of all financial assistance and transactions in favour of Guinea by the ECOWAS Financial Institutions, particularly EBID.
- c. Targeted sanctions imposed on individuals and groups that have been identified in the list under **Decision MSC. A/DEC 4/09/2022**, including members of the other Transitional Institutions and any other persons



preventing the return to constitutional order in Guinea within a reasonable timeframe. These sanctions include:

- i. Freeze of financial assets;
- ii. Travel ban.

10. These sanctions have been put in place to facilitate the process of a quick return to constitutional order in Guinea, which is necessary for peace, stability, and development.

11. The Authority urges all Community institutions to take measures in order to ensure the immediate implementation of these sanctions.

12. The Authority calls on the African Union, the United Nations, and other partner Organisations to support the enforcement of these sanctions and continue to provide support for a successful political transition in Guinea.

13. The Authority calls on the Guinean authorities to accept within one month, starting from 22 September 2022, a reasonable transition period acceptable to ECOWAS, so as not to incur more severe sanctions.

14. The Authority commends the efforts of the ECOWAS Mediator for Guinea and urges him to continue his consultations with the Transition Authorities and all other stakeholders with a view to reaching a consensus on the duration of the transition.

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On the situation of the 46 Ivorian soldiers detained in Mali:

15. The Authority considered the Memorandum presented by the President of the ECOWAS Commission on the 46 Ivorian soldiers detained in Mali. After careful deliberations on the Memorandum, the Heads of State and Government took the following decisions:

16. The Authority welcomes the diplomatic initiatives undertaken by several Heads of State of ECOWAS leading to the release on humanitarian grounds of the three female Ivorian soldiers on 3rd September 2022.

17. However, the Authority notes with regret the continued detention of the remaining 46 soldiers, despite all mediation efforts undertaken by the region.

18. The Authority also:

- a. condemns in the strongest terms the continued detention of the Ivorian soldiers;
- b. condemns the threat made by the Malian authorities in this matter;
- c. calls for the unconditional release of the 46 soldiers detained in Mali;
- d. decides to send a high-level mission composed of the Heads of State of Ghana, Senegal and Togo to secure the release of the Ivorian soldiers.



19. The Authority expresses its gratitude to the Heads of State and Government and all well-wishers who have worked for the release of the Ivorian soldiers detained in Mali.

20. The Heads of State and Government express their deep gratitude to **H.E. Umaro Sissoco Embaló**, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau, Chair of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, for his leadership in the management of the affairs of the Community.

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Done at New York, this 22nd day of September 2022.

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