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## **PRESS STATEMENT OF THE ECOWAS-UNOWAS HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL MISSION TO GUINEA-BISSAU**

On the directive of the Authority of the ECOWAS Heads of State and Government, the President of the ECOWAS Commission, H.E. Dr Omar Alieu TOURAY, deployed a high-level political mission to Guinea Bissau from 21 to 28 February 2025 to support efforts by political actors and other stakeholders to reach a political consensus on a roadmap for the conduct of inclusive and peaceful elections in 2025.

The mission was jointly undertaken by ECOWAS and the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS). The Mission was received in audience by the President of the Republic, H.E. Umaro Sissoco Embaló. It then held consultations with a broad range of national stakeholders, including the authorities, political actors, election management entities and civil society representatives, as well as bilateral, regional and international partners.

The Mission took note of the issues and concerns raised by the stakeholders during the consultations and commends the commitment of all stakeholders towards political dialogue to foster a broad consensus on a roadmap for the conduct of Legislative and Presidential elections in 2025.

The Mission prepared a draft agreement on the roadmap for the conduct of Legislative and Presidential elections in 2025 and started presenting it to the stakeholders for their consent.

The Mission departed Bissau in the early morning of 1<sup>st</sup> March, following threats by H.E. Umaro Sissoco Embaló to expel it.

The Mission will present its report to the President of the ECOWAS Commission, including its proposal on how to find a consensual roadmap for the conduct of inclusive and peaceful elections in 2025.

The Mission appeals to all stakeholders and citizens to continue to stay calm and uphold peace and tranquillity in the country.

Ambassador Bagudu HIRSE  
**Head of Mission**

**Bissau, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.**