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SIXTY-NINTH (69th) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ECOWAS AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Lungi, Republic of Sierra Leone, 19 July 2026

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

1. The Sixty-Ninth Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was held on 19th July 2026, in Lungi, Sierra Leone, alongside the Summit on the Future of Regional Integration in West Africa, under the chairmanship of **H.E. Dr. Julius Maada Bio**, Chair of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, and the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

2. The summit was attended by the following Heads of State and High-Level officials:

H.E. Romuald Wadagni, President of the Republic of Benin

H.E. Jose Maria Pereira Neves, President of the Republic of Cabo Verde

H. E. Adama Barrow, President of the Republic of The Gambia

H. E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana

H.E. General Mamady Doumbouya, President of the Republic of Guinea

H.E. Joseph Boakai, President of the Republic of Liberia

H.E. Bassirou Diomaye Faye, President of the Republic of Senegal

H.E. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

H.E. Tiémoko Meyliet Koné, Vice-President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

H.E. Kashim Shettima, Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

H. E. Robert Dussey, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Togolese Abroad of the Togolese Republic

3. The session was also attended by:
- H.E. Mohamed Ould Ghazouani**, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania
H.E. Omar Alieu Touray, President of ECOWAS Commission
H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
H.E. Dr. Lansana Kouyaté, ECOWAS Chief Negotiator
Alhaji Aliko Dangote, Chairman of the ECOWAS Business Council.
Dr. Abdul Kamara, Ag. Vice President for Regional Development, Integration and Business Delivery, representing President of the African Development Bank Group
Amb. Baba Kamara, Special Envoy on Counterterrorism
Hon. Musa Sillah, Chairman of the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme Taskforce
Mr. Mahamadou GADO, Commissioner in charge of Economic Policies and Internal Taxation, representing the President of the UEMOA Commission.
4. The opening ceremony featured statements by **H.E. Dr. Julius Maada Bio**, Chair of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government and H.E. Dr. Omar Alieu TOURAY, President of the ECOWAS Commission.
5. The Authority also received messages of goodwill and solidarity from:
- H.E. Mohamed Ould Ghazouani, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;
 - H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations;
 - Dr. Abdul Kamara Acting Vice President of the African Development Bank Group; and
 - Alhaji Aliko Dangote, Chairman of the ECOWAS Business Council.
6. Regarding the **Compact on the Future of Regional Integration**, and mindful of the evolving regional and global geopolitical landscape, the Authority of Heads of State and Government solemnly adopted the Declaration of Commitment, thereby reinforcing their collective resolve to consolidate regional unity, secure lasting peace, and accelerate shared, sustainable development across the ECOWAS and West African Community.
7. The Authority took note of the 2026 Interim Report on the State of the Community presented by H.E. Dr. Omar Alieu Touray, President of the ECOWAS Commission, the reports of the 56th Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council, and the 96th Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers

presented by the Chair of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers, also the of the Chair of ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council, **H.E. Alhaji Musa Timothy Kabba**, Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

8. The Authority also took note of the Report of the 13th Session of the ECOWAS Convergence Council for the Single Currency presented by the Committee Chair, **Hon. Sheku A. Fantamadi Bangura**, Honourable Minister of Finance of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

9. The Authority commended the quality of the Reports and the relevant recommendations contained therein, aimed at consolidating political stability, peace and security and deepening the economic and monetary integration process within the region.

10. The Authority further commended the ECOWAS Commission, other Community Institutions and Member States for the resilience demonstrated in maintaining regional integration efforts amid a challenging global economic and geopolitical environment.

11. The Authority adopted the key recommendations made in the reports and further deliberated on specific issues raised in the reports and decided as follows:

II- ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PERFORMANCE

On the Macroeconomic Outlook

12. The Authority noted the resilience of ECOWAS economies in 2025 and the favourable outlook for 2026, which projects continued positive growth trajectory across the Community. The outlook remains favourable, supported by declining inflation, a reduced public debt-to-GDP ratio, and a widening current account surplus, notwithstanding a deterioration in the fiscal deficit.

On the ECOWAS Single Currency Programme

13. The Authority reiterates its firm commitment to the launch of the ECO in 2027 as a key instrument for deepening regional economic integration and promoting sustainable, inclusive and resilient growth within the Community. In this regard, the Authority resolved that the launch of the ECO shall commence with those countries that meet the established convergence criteria and are ready to participate. At the same time, appropriate support will be provided to countries that are not yet ready, with a view to facilitating their subsequent accession to the

single currency. The Authority further commended the ECOWAS Commission for the ongoing high-level consultations with the Governors of the Central Banks of Member States aimed at building consensus on the outstanding issues that are essential for the introduction of the ECO in 2027. The Authority also welcomed the registration of the name “ECO” with the African Intellectual Property Organisation (OAPI).

14. The Authority took note with satisfaction of the request by the Republic of Guinea to join the Presidential Task Force on the ECOWAS Single Currency Programme.

15. The Authority approved the request and further directed the ECOWAS Commission to take all necessary steps to convene a meeting of the Presidential Task Force on the ECOWAS Single Currency Programme prior to the Ordinary Summit scheduled for December 2026, in collaboration with the President of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, who is the only remaining serving member of the Presidential Task Force.

16. The Authority equally directed the ECOWAS Commission, in collaboration with the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA), to intensify consultations with the Governors of the Central Banks of Member States with a view to formulating consensual proposals on the outstanding issues for consideration by the Presidential Task Force.

17. The Authority directed the ECOWAS Commission to register the ECO as a trademark of the ECOWAS single currency with other relevant regional and international intellectual property bodies.

On the Community Levy

18. The Authority expresses concern about persistent Community Levy arrears and urged Member States to fully honour their financial obligations as specified under the Community Levy Protocol.

19. The Authority further directed the Commission to strengthen its engagement with Member States on implementing the Community Levy Protocol and to develop measures to ensure sustainable financing for Community programmes and institutions.

On Food Security and Agricultural Development

20. The Authority expresses concern about the food and nutrition situation in some parts of the region and the impact of rising fertiliser prices on agricultural productivity. It welcomed measures adopted by Member States and Community Institutions to mitigate the effects of the fertiliser crisis and to strengthen regional food security mechanisms.

21. The Authority welcomed the progress made on the ECOWAS Rice Agenda and urged faster implementation of the Regional Rice Roadmap as part of efforts to reduce dependence on import and achieve food sovereignty.

On free movement of persons and goods

22. The Authority reaffirms its commitment to the ECOWAS Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment as a fundamental pillar of regional integration and one of the Community's most significant achievements.

23. The Authority underscores the need to preserve the gains of regional integration, facilitate the movement of persons and goods, promote cross-border trade and economic cooperation for the benefit of Community citizens.

24. The Authority further reaffirms that ongoing engagements with the AES States should help to safeguard regional mobility, economic exchanges and people-to-people relations across West Africa.

On Regional Trade

25. The Authority noted that the proliferation of bilateral trade agreements by individual Member States risks undermining the ECOWAS Customs Union. It calls on Member States to avoid concluding agreements that are incompatible with their obligations under the ECOWAS Revised Treaty, and directs the Commission to coordinate common Community positions on issues related to international negotiations with third parties in order to promote and safeguard the region's interest.

On Regional Infrastructure

26. The Authority directs the ECOWAS Commission to urgently develop a comprehensive portfolio of strategic regional infrastructure projects that are

investment-ready and capable of attracting financing from regional and international development finance institutions, sovereign wealth funds, private investors and other partners. The Authority tasks the Commission with prioritizing projects in transport, energy, digital connectivity and water infrastructure and reporting annually on progress in project preparation, financing and implementation.

On Energy and Regional Connectivity

27. The Authority welcomed the signing of the Inter-Governmental Agreement relating to the African Atlantic Gas Pipeline (AAGP) and reaffirms its support for the project as a strategic initiative to strengthen regional energy security, industrialisation, economic integration and sustainable development in West Africa.

28. The Authority commends the cooperation between ECOWAS Member States and the Kingdom of Morocco in advancing the African Atlantic Gas Pipeline, underscoring its potential to enhance regional connectivity, expand access to energy, stimulate investment, and contribute to the realization of the objectives of the ECOWAS Vision 2050.

On Air Transport

29. The Authority reiterates its resolve to sustain efforts towards the reduction of the cost of Air Transport in West Africa.

30. The Authority noted and applauded Cote d'Ivoire for being the only Member State to have removed the applicable taxes. The Authority directs other Member States to expedite national processes including notably cross-sectoral consultations, revision of related tax laws, sensitization of stakeholders and airport service providers, and comply with Authority Decision on taxes on air transport and reduction of passenger service and security charges.

31. The Authority thanked the Commission for the successful creation of the Regional Air Transport Economic Oversight Committee by ECOWAS which is expected to follow-up and undertake high-level engagements with Members States to expedite the uniform implementation of this Decision.

32. The Authority finally calls on the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID), the African Development Bank, the Afreximbank and other Development Partners to collaborate with the ECOWAS Commission in raising multilateral funding to support air transport Infrastructure and services

improvement for Member States that take steps to comply with the ECOWAS Decision on making Air Transport more affordable and accessible to Community citizens.

On Digital Transformation

33. The Authority adopts the Revised Supplementary Act on the Protection of Personal Data in the ECOWAS Region as recommended by the Council of Ministers, and further welcomes the adoption by the Council of various regional instruments concerning open data, electronic communications, digital governance, roaming, and cybersecurity, and approves the establishment of the Regional Cybersecurity Coordination Mechanism.

On Gender Equality

34. The Authority adopted the Presidential Declaration on Advancing Gender Parity in Political Representation in ECOWAS Member States as a flagship legacy initiative of the ECOWAS Golden Jubilee celebrations.

35. The Authority reaffirms its commitment to promoting women's participation in political and public life, and encourages Member States to strengthen measures that increase women's representation in decision-making institutions.

III- ON PEACE, SECURITY AND POLITICAL STABILITY

On the State of Democracy, Peace and Security in the Region

36. The Authority of Heads of State and Government notes with satisfaction the steady progress made in democratic consolidation and political governance, as well as the relative stability and resilience of the region, amidst increasing geopolitical and geostrategic pressures. The Authority commends the laudable efforts being invested by Member States and the ECOWAS Commission towards the consolidation of democracy, peace, security, and the maintenance of social cohesion and stability in the region. In this regard, the Authority decides as follows:

On the Political Situation in the Region:

On Guinea Bissau

37. The Authority takes note of the efforts underway in Guinea-Bissau to conclude the country's political transition through a constitutional referendum slated for 30 August 2026 and the holding of General elections scheduled for 6 December 2026. It urges the authorities to ensure transparency and inclusivity in

these pivotal processes. In particular, the Authority calls on the transition regime in Guinea-Bissau to prioritize inclusivity in all the processes leading to a swift restoration of Constitutional order.

38. The Authority, towards this end, calls on all stakeholders to demonstrate flexibility and to create the conditions for constructive and inclusive dialogue, and to seize every opportunity to participate in the transition process for a seamless return to constitutional order.

39. The Authority calls on the transition authorities to ensure strict respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms, and judicial safeguards for all citizens of Guinea-Bissau, including those being prosecuted or accused in connection with events that took place under the previous regime. It further urges the authorities to unconditionally release all political figures still in detention, including the Opposition PAIGC leader, as a goodwill gesture to engender a more favourable climate for inclusive engagements, reassure the opposition, and bolster the credibility of the transition process.

40. The Authority directs the Commission to continue its engagement with the transition authorities, political actors, Civil Society, and all other stakeholders for a credible transition to constitutional order. It also directs the Commission to provide moral and security guarantees to all stakeholders, including through the ECOWAS Stabilization Support Mission. Furthermore, the Authority directs the Commission to provide technical support to Guinea Bissau to facilitate and strengthen dialogue amongst stakeholders and to ensure a peaceful and inclusive transition and electoral processes.

41. The Authority appoints Senegal as the facilitator for Guinea Bissau to support dialogue efforts towards an inclusive and a smooth transition to constitutional order.

On Sierra Leone

42. The Authority welcomes the significant progress made by stakeholders in Sierra Leone on the implementation of the various resolutions of the Agreement for National Unity between the Government and the opposition All Peoples' Congress, including the recent rapprochement between the Government and the opposition All-People's Congress (APC), paving the way for a significant easing of socio-political tensions and the restoration of serene political environment required for the impending electoral reforms ahead of the 2028 general elections. It further welcomes the statesmanlike gesture by H.E. President **Julius Maada BIO** for the discontinuation of charges against former President **Ernest Bai KOROMA** in the

spirit of national reconciliation and unity. It encourages the International Moral Guarantors to continue monitoring progress in the implementation of the Agreement recently reached between the parties, in close collaboration with the country's Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion (ICPNC).

43. The Authority urges all political stakeholders to persist with the implementation of the 'Agreement for National Unity' and the recommendations of the Tripartite Committee report, and to further prioritise dialogue, inclusive political engagement in undertaking constitutional, legal and electoral reforms, in line with the recommendations of the Tripartite Committee Report. It also urges all parties to ensure inclusivity and transparency in the preparatory processes towards the next General Elections.

On Electoral Processes

44. The Authority reiterates its strict adherence to the Constitutional Convergence Principles under the 2001 Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance, and its derivative Acts and Frameworks. The Authority notes the peaceful conduct of Presidential, Legislative and General Elections in Guinea, Benin, Cabo Verde and Côte d'Ivoire, respectively.

45. The Authority commends the Government and people of the Republic of Benin for the successful conduct of the 12 April 2026 Presidential election and congratulates **H.E. Romuald Wadagni**, on his election as the President of the Republic of Benin. The Authority further expresses its deep appreciation to the former President, **H.E. Patrice Talon**, for his dedicated leadership and contributions to ECOWAS regional integration.

46. The Authority commends the Government and people of the Republic of Guinea for the successful conduct of presidential and parliamentary elections held on 28 December 2025 and 31 May 2026 respectively. In this regard, the Authority congratulates **H.E. Mamadi Doumbouya**, on his election as the President of the Republic of Guinea.

47. The Authority notes the ongoing preparations towards the holding of general elections in The Gambia and Presidential Election in Cabo Verde. It directs the Commission to continue to accompany and offer needed support to Member States preparing for elections in November and December 2026 and early 2027, with a view to ensuring inclusive, credible and peaceful outcomes.

48. The Authority further directs the Commission to continue efforts towards building and enhancing the capacities of political parties in Member States in order to attain greater internal democracy and issues-based programming. It also directs the Commission to continue to support the strengthening of the capacities of Member States' Election Management Bodies (EMBs) to conduct free, transparent and inclusive elections.

On the Xenophobic Attacks in South Africa:

49. The Authority notes with deep concern the on-going xenophobic attacks in South Africa targeting people of African descent, particularly the despicable treatment of West African citizens, and expresses its strong condemnation of this recurrent phenomenon.

50. The Authority urges the South African authorities to immediately arrest the situation and find a permanent solution, while ensuring the safety and protection of West African and all other African nationals residing in the country.

51. The Authority decides to support Ghana's decision to table the matter as an agenda item at the forthcoming AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government for further debate and to seek a permanent solution.

On the recent land border disputes along the Mano River Corridor and efforts to de-escalate rising tensions

52. The Authority commends the authorities of Sierra Leone and Guinea for the partial reopening of the Yenga border, and further urges Guinean authorities to fully withdraw their troops from both the Yenga and Lofa enclaves, in line with the Tripartite Communique of 16 March 2026, within the framework the Mano River Union, and continue to pursue diplomatic solutions in addressing border disputes.

53. The Authority directs the Commission to fast-track the completion of the ongoing technical assessment of current and potential border friction points along the Liberia-Guinea Lofa border, and the Sierra Leone-Guinea Yenga border. It further directs the Commission to subsequently formulate appropriate recommendations for an amicable and sustainable settlement, and to continue to work closely with the Mano River Union (MRU) Secretariat and other partners and stakeholders, including the AU and the UNOWAS, in pursuit of amicable and sustainable solutions to all border-related disputes along the Mano River corridor.

On the Fight Against Terrorism and other Security Threats

54. The Authority expresses deep concern over the continued deterioration of the security situation across the region, particularly in the Sahel and the Lake Chad Basin, characterized by attacks, kidnapping and disruptive operations by Terrorist Armed Groups (TAGs), insurgents and bandits on communities and security forces, causing the loss of lives, destruction of property, and mass displacements.

55. The Authority strongly condemns the attacks by TAGs and their sponsors in the region and reaffirms its commitment to eradicating terrorism within the ECOWAS space. The Authority commends the continuous efforts by Member States and the Commission in the fight against terrorism.

56. The Authority further commends progress recorded in the activation of the regional Counter-terrorism Force, including the pledge of capabilities by Member States, and the development of a roadmap towards the deployment of the Force.

57. The Authority exhorts Member States that have not yet done so to urgently fulfil their pledges relating to the redeeming of Community Levy arrears earmarked for the activation of the regional Counterterrorism Force by 2027. It directs the President of the Commission to engage relevant Member States to expedite the remittal of outstanding Community Levy arrears before the end of 2026.

58. The Authority directs the President of the Commission to deepen engagement with the AES countries towards establishing a pragmatic security cooperation mechanism based on the shared objective of containing the spread of terrorism in West Africa.

59. The Authority reiterates its call on the international community, through the African Union and the UN Security Council, to urgently respond to the needs of terrorism-affected countries in the region in a coherent and coordinated manner, through the financial support from the UN-assessed contribution in line with the UN Security Council Resolution 2719 (2023).

60. The Authority commends **Amb. Baba Kamara**, the ECOWAS Special Envoy on Counterterrorism for his commitment and relentless efforts in supporting Member States and the Commission in the fight against terrorism. To that end, the Authority renews the mandate of Amb. Baba Kamara, the ECOWAS Special Envoy on Counterterrorism for a further three years and directs the President of the Commission to provide him with the necessary support in the execution of his mandate.

61. The Authority endorses the Revised Roadmap for the activation of the ECOWAS Counterterrorism Brigade, with its phased implementation timelines towards achieving full operational capability by July 2027. It directs the Commission to facilitate consultations between the Governments of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria to agree on the location of the Headquarters of the Force.

62. The Authority strongly condemns the increasing spate of banditry, kidnappings and abductions of school children, particularly in Northern Nigeria. The Authority expresses its solidarity with the people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and commends President Bola Ahmed TINUBU for the swift actions taken to secure the release of victims and the measures put in place to combat the menace.

On the Humanitarian Situation in the Region

63. The Authority further notes with serious concern the deterioration of humanitarian situation in the region, as a consequence of conflict, terrorism, displacement, food insecurity, climate-related disasters, and in particular its debilitating impacts on women and children, child recruitment, trafficking and exploitation, disrupted education, and limited access to shelter, healthcare, and livelihoods.

64. The Authority commends the humanitarian efforts of the Commission and directs the Commission to strengthen resource mobilisation to address pressing humanitarian issues in the region and to further strengthen coordination among Member States to facilitate safe education in emergencies with stronger adherence to International Humanitarian Law. It further directs the Commission to work, in collaboration with international partners, to facilitate the voluntary humanitarian return of migrants in North Africa, in particular, Algeria, Libya and Tunisia.

On relations with Alliance of Sahel States (AES)

65. The Authority extended the mandate of Chief Negotiator H.E. Dr. Lansana Kouyaté to December 2026. The Authority reaffirmed that negotiations with Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger will proceed exclusively as a unified block. Member States must refrain from entering separate bilateral agreements that threaten ECOWAS cohesion.

IV- ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

66. The Authority thanked its development partners for their continued support to regional integration, peace, security and development programmes. The

Authority especially thanked the Government of the People's Republic of China for constructing and donating the new ECOWAS Headquarters in Abuja, which represents a landmark contribution and a demonstration of solidarity and friendship. This support will enhance regional cooperation and institutional development and serves as an enduring symbol of the strategic partnership between ECOWAS and the People's Republic of China.

V- ON INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Appointments

67. The Authority endorses the recommendations from the Ninety-Sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers relating to statutory appointments to positions in Community Institutions for the period 2026–2030.

Judge of the Community Court of Justice for the period 2026–2030:

- a. **Hon. Awa Bah** (Female, The Gambia);
- b. **Mrs. Charlyne M. Brumskine** (Female, Liberia);
- c. **Mr. Desire Henri AIHOU** (Male, Benin).
- d. **Mrs Henrietta Uzoamaka DIDIGU** (Female, Nigeria)
- e. **Dr. Yaouza OURO-SAMA** (Male, Togo)

Commissioners at the ECOWAS Commission

- a. Political Affairs, Peace and Security: **Mrs. Francess Piagie Alghali** (Female, Sierra Leone);
- b. Economic Affairs and Agriculture: **Mr. Dehpue Yenpea Zuo** (Male, Liberia);
- c. Internal Services: **Dr. Kalilou Sylla** (Male, Côte d'Ivoire);
- d. Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalisation: **Mr. Amin Amidu Suleiman** (Male, Ghana);
- e. Human Development and Social Affairs: **Prof. Nassirou Bako-Arifari** (Male, Benin).

Other Community Institutions

- a. Director General, West African Health Organisation (WAHO): **Dr. Palokinam T. Pitche** (Male, Togo);
- b. Director General, Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA): **Mr. Mam Cherno Jallow** (Male, The Gambia);
- c. Auditor General for ECOWAS Institutions: **Ms. Carla Maria Borges Bettencourt** (Female, Cabo Verde).

68. The Authority accepted Nigeria's request for an additional time of two weeks to review and resolve the matter related to the Vice-President position allocated to Nigeria and revert to the Commission.

69. The Authority congratulates the successful candidates and urges them to discharge their responsibilities with professionalism, integrity, accountability and dedication in furtherance of the goals and aspirations of the Community, in line with the extant legal texts of the Community.

Election of New President of the Commission

70. The Authority appointed H.E. **General Birame Diop** from Senegal, as the President of the ECOWAS Commission for the 2026–2030 term. The Authority expresses confidence in the new President's extensive diplomatic, military, and strategic expertise to provide strategic leadership to deepen regional integration address regional challenges.

Tribute to the Outgoing Management

71. The Authority expressed profound appreciation to HE Dr. Omar Alieu Touray, outgoing President of the ECOWAS Commission, other Heads of Institutions, Commissioners and Staff of ECOWAS Institutions for their dedication and distinguished service to community despite the numerous challenges over the past four years.

72. The Authority commended their contribution in strengthening regional integration, promoting peace and security, and advancing the ECOWAS Vision 2050 agenda.

VI- ON HARMONISATION OF ECOWAS POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

73. The Authority welcomes the spirit of solidarity demonstrated by Member States in support of regional candidatures and endorses the candidature of the **Republic of Sierra Leone for the position of Judge of the International Court of Justice for the period 2027-2036.**

VII- ELECTION OF THE NEW CHAIR OF THE ECOWAS AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

74. The Heads of State and Government elected **H.E. Bassirou Diomaye Faye,**

President of the Republic Senegal, as the new Chair of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government for a one-year term.

VII- DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT SUMMIT

75. The **date and venue of the seventieth (70th)** Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government will be communicated at a later date, after due consultations with the Heads of State and Government.

IX- VOTE OF THANKS

76. The Heads of State and Government expressed their deepest appreciation to H.E. Julius Maada Bio, the Government, and the People of Sierra Leone for their warm hospitality and the world-class hosting facilities provided in Lungi. It particularly commended H.E. Julius Maada Bio, for his outstanding commitment to regional integration and exemplary leadership in steering the affairs of the Community over the past one year.

Done in Lungi, Republic of Sierra Leone, this 19th Day of July 2026

THE AUTHORITY

