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**ECOWAS STATEMENT ON THE EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITION TIMETABLE IN THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU**

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) expresses deep concern over the Transitional Authorities of Guinea-Bissau's unilateral decision to extend the transition period until 26th November 2028.

ECOWAS recalls its consistent position that the transition must remain short, inclusive and time-bound, culminating in the restoration of constitutional order through credible and inclusive elections, in accordance with the ECOWAS Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance.

ECOWAS takes note of the reasons advanced by the Transitional Authorities for the extension, including insufficient technical, material, and financial resources; the need to safeguard electoral credibility and public confidence; preparations for the country's first municipal elections; and broader organisational and political readiness.

While recognising these challenges, ECOWAS stands ready to work with the Transitional Authorities and relevant stakeholders to address the identified constraints with a view to shortening the timeline announced by the Bissau authorities. Accordingly, it calls on the Authorities to reconsider the extension and engage constructively with the ECOWAS-designated Mediator, the Republic of Senegal, towards an agreed, inclusive and realistic roadmap for the swift restoration of constitutional order.

ECOWAS further urges the authorities to guarantee fundamental freedoms, ensure the effective exercise of the political and civic spaces, and work towards the inclusive participation of all national stakeholders.

ECOWAS reaffirms its commitment, in coordination with the African Union and the United Nations, to supporting Guinea-Bissau in restoring constitutional order.

**Done in Abuja, this 27th Day of November 2026**

