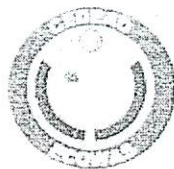


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September 2010

1. The Extraordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, under the Chairmanship of **His Excellency Dr Goodluck Ebele JONATHAN**, GCFR President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chairman of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government.

2. The following Heads of State and Government or their accredited representatives were present at this session:

His Excellency **Pedro Verona Rodrigues PIRES**, President of the Republic of Cape Verde

His Excellency **Malam Bacai SANHA**, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau

His Excellency **Dr. Goodluck Ebele JONATHAN**, GCFR President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

His Excellency Maître **Abdoulaye WADE**, President of the Republic of Senegal

His Excellency **Joseph N. BOAKAI**, Vice-President of the Republic of Liberia

Her Excellency **Minata Samaté CESSOUMA**, Minister of State for Cooperation of Burkina Faso

His Excellency **Jean-Marie Kakou GERVAIS**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and African Integration of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

His Excellency **Abdou COLLEY**, Minister of Finance of the Republic of The Gambia

His Excellency **Alhaji Muhammad MUMUNI**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana

His Excellency **Duada S. KAMARA**, Minister of Internal Affairs, Rural Development and Local Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone

His Excellency **Zacharie Richard AKPLOGAN**, Ambassador, Director of Regional Integration of the republic of Benin

His Excellency **Mahamane Amadou MAIGA**, Ambassador of the Republic of Mali to the Federal Republic of Nigeria

His Excellency **Addo Maman TCHALARE**, Ambassador of the Togolese Republic to the Federal Republic of Nigeria

3. His Excellency **Saïd DJINNIT**, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations Organization for West Africa and His Excellency Professor **Ibrahima FALL**, Special Envoy of the African Union to Guinea also participated in this Extraordinary Session as Observers.

4. The Heads of State and Government reviewed the recent political and security situation in Guinea Bissau, including the efforts made so far to ensure the effective implementation of the Defence and Security Sector Reform Programme (DSSRP) in that country.

5. The Authority underscored the importance of this implementation as a crucial element in the process for socio-political stability in Guinea Bissau. In this regard, the Summit took note of the recommendations made during the extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Chiefs of Defence Staff of ECOWAS Member States held in Bissau from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010 as well as the roadmap that identified the priority actions for the speedy implementation of the Reform.

6. In order to grasp this implementation process, the Heads of State and Government directed the ECOWAS Commission to convene a meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Mediation and Security Council with a view to considering the report of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Chiefs of Defence Staff as well as the roadmap and to submit their recommendations at the next Session of the Authority.

7. The Authority urged the ECOWAS Commission to continue its efforts at mobilizing partners in view of supporting the reforms in Guinea Bissau. The Heads of State and Government underscored the importance and relevance of the lead role of ECOWAS and the need to cooperate closely with the Government of Guinea Bissau in order to determine the

specific nature and modalities of the assistance to be provided to the latter in carrying out the Defence and Security Sector Reform.

8. In this regard, the Heads of State and Government urged the ECOWAS Commission to continue its efforts to persuade the international partners to come to the assistance of Guinea Bissau by extending to that country all forms of assistance. The Authority urged the ECOWAS Commission and the other partner organizations and countries (AU, UN, CPLP, etc.) to strengthen their cooperation platform as they seek appropriate and inclusive solutions for the implementation of the roadmap under the aegis of ECOWAS.

9. The Heads of State and Government commended the commitment of partners involved in this process under the International Contact Group on Guinea Bissau and then urged them to continue to support the process for the restructuring and the modernization of the defence and security sectors in Guinea Bissau.

10. The Summit reaffirmed its support for **H.E Malam Bacai Sanha**, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau and then urged him to continue his efforts at creating favourable conditions for the implementation of the DSSR.

11. The Heads of State and Government paid glowing tribute to **H.E Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan**, GCFR President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and Chairman of ECOWAS for his ready disposition and positive contribution to the consolidation of the regional integration process.

**Done in Abuja, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010**

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### VOTE OF THANKS

The Heads of State and Government expressed their deep gratitude to **H.E Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan**, GCFR President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and Chairman of ECOWAS for the generous and African hospitality accorded them during their stay in Abuja. The Authority wished the people of Nigeria good health, joy and prosperity in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of their independence.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010

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