



FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF ECOWAS HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENT

Accra, 10 – 11 July 2014

SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA.6/07/14 ADOPTING THE POLICY FRAMEWORK ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EARLY WARNING AND RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISMS IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES

Mindful of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended, establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government, defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Article 58 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty on Regional Security, which prescribes the institutionalization and enhancement of intra-State and inter-State conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms ;

Mindful of the ECOWAS Protocol relating to Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution and Peacekeeping and Security signed on 10th December 1999, in Lome;

Mindful of the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework (ECPF), defining the principles of subsidiarity and complementarity, based on the modalities of cooperation among the Member States and ECOWAS;



CONSIDERING that the Protocol below established an early warning system to provide real-time information on events or other incidents likely to affect social peace and security in the West African region;

CONSIDERING that the early warning system also seeks to provide information on the occurrence of social and political events and climate change or bad weather;

CONSIDERING that the smooth operation of this regional early warning system requires the establishment of a policy framework on the early warning and rapid response mechanisms;

AWARE that the smooth operation of this mechanism calls for the establishment of national early warning and rapid response mechanisms in the Member States to provide information for the regional early warning system;

CONVINCED of the need for ECOWAS to involve the Member States in efforts to improve their capacity to manage low-intensity local conflicts by developing national mechanisms to enhance the existing peace and security architecture, with a view to according them the prime responsibility of ensuring peace and security on their territory, as well as the potential of the proposed national mechanisms to serve as pillars for the regional mechanism;



DESIROUS of adopting a policy framework on the establishment of national early warning and rapid response mechanisms in ECOWAS Member States, including the regional early warning mechanism, by providing all the useful information for its operation;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Thirty-Second Ordinary Session of the Mediation and Security Council at the ministerial level held on 8th July 2014 in Accra (Republic of Ghana);

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1:

This Supplementary Act hereby adopts the attached Policy Framework on the Establishment of Early Warning and Rapid Response Mechanisms in the ECOWAS Member States;

Article 2:

1. The Member States shall adopt national legislations and regulations to establish or put in place a national early warning mechanism based on the legal provisions in force in the ECOWAS region;
2. The Member States shall undertake to establish national early warning coordination centres within three (3) years from the signing of this Supplementary Act.

Article 3:

The ECOWAS Commission shall take the necessary steps to support the Member States in the area of technical expertise and resource mobilization.



Article 4:

This Supplementary Act shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within thirty (30) days after notification thereof by the Commission

Article 5:

1. This Supplementary Act shall enter into force upon its publication. Consequently, Member States shall undertake to commence the implementation of its provisions upon its entry into force.
2. This Supplementary Act shall be annexed to the ECOWAS Treaty and shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 6:

This Supplementary Act shall be deposited with the Commission, which shall transmit certified true copies thereof to all Member States, and shall register it with the African Union, the United Nations and similar organizations, as may be determined by Council.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN
STATES, HAVE SIGNED THIS SUPPLEMENTARY ACT**

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY 2014

**IN A SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH, FRENCH AND
PORTUGUESE LANGUAGES, ALL THREE (3) TEXTS BEING EQUALLY
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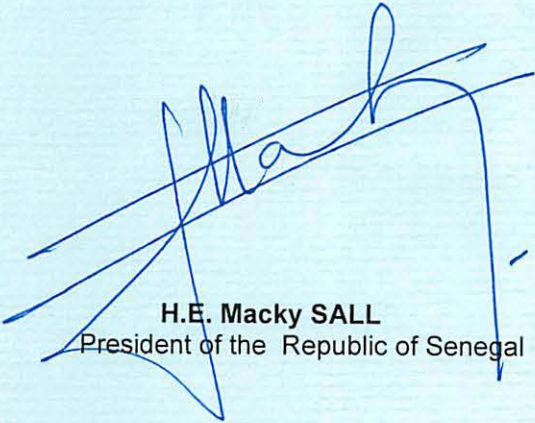
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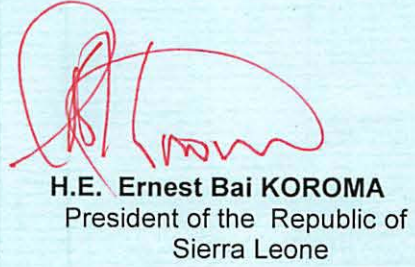
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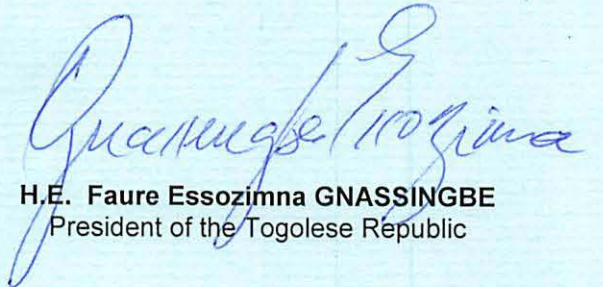
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