



COMMUNIQUE

**MEETING OF ECOWAS HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT WITH
THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE SALVATION OF THE PEOPLE
(CNSP) OF MALI**

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1. At the invitation of His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa AKUFO-ADDO, President of the Republic of Ghana and Chairperson of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), a meeting, between eight ECOWAS Heads of State and Government and the members of the National Committee for the Salvation of the People (CNSP), was held on 15th September 2020, at the Peduase Lodge, in Aburi, Ghana.
2. The underlisted Heads of State and Government participated in this meeting:
 - H.E. Roch-Marc Christian Kabore, President of Faso;
 - H.E. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire;
 - H.E. Professor Alpha Conde, President of the Republic of Guinea;
 - H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of Niger;
 - H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal;
 - H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbe, President of the Togolese Republic.
 - H.E. Yemi Osinbajo, Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
3. The delegation of the CNSP included:
 - Colonel Assimi GOITA, President of the CNSP;
 - Colonel Major Ismael WAGUE, Spokesperson of the CNSP
 - Ambassador Boubacar Gouro DIALL, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mali.
4. The following high-ranking personalities also participated in the consultative meetings:
 - H.E. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, ECOWAS Special Envoy and Mediator to Mali;
 - H.E. Jean-Claude Kassi BROU, President of the ECOWAS Commission;



- H.E. Annadif Mahamat Saleh, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General in Mali, Head of MINUSMA;
 - H.E. Pierre Buyoya, High Representative of the African Union in Mali and the Sahel;
 - General Francis A. Behanzin, ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security
5. The Heads of State and Government congratulated President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo for his election as Chair of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.
 6. The Heads of State and Government express their satisfaction at the departure of former President Ibrahim Boubacar KEITA outside the country for medical treatment and wish him a prompt recovery. They call for the early release of the former Prime Minister Boubou Cisse and the other dignitaries.
 7. The objective of the meeting was to allow the leadership of the CNSP the opportunity to brief and present to the Heads of State and Government the architecture and roadmap for the political transitional arrangement, in conformity with the decisions taken by the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government at its Extraordinary Summit via videoconference on 28th August 2020 and its 57th Ordinary Summit on 7th September 2020, in Niamey, Republic of Niger. These decisions called for a 12-month civilian-led transition to be put in place by 15th September 2020.
 8. The Mini-Summit took note of the presentation by the CNSP of the outcomes of the national consultative forum, aimed at reaching a consensus on the political transition architecture. These consultations were held between 5th and 12th September 2020 and involved various stakeholders in Mali.
 9. After thorough deliberations on the architecture and the roadmap for the transition presented by the members of the CNSP, the Heads of State and Government made the following decisions:



- a. The political transition will be headed by a civilian, in accordance with the decisions of the Authority of ECOWAS. In this regard, both the President and the Prime Minister of the transition will be civilians during the entire period. The nomination of these two key personalities will be done immediately.
 - b. The Transition Vice-President provided for in the Transition Charter shall not, under any circumstances, replace the Transition President.
 - c. The CNSP will be dissolved immediately the civilian transition is put in place.
 - d. The Heads of State and Government took note that the length of the political transition will be 18 months maximum with effect from today, 15th September 2020.
 - e. Once a civilian-led transition is put in place, ECOWAS will fully accompany the Republic of Mali towards the restoration of constitutional order, in line with the relevant protocols of ECOWAS;
 - f. With regards to sanctions, in line with the decisions of the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government, such sanctions will be lifted immediately when the Transition President and the Prime Minister are effectively designated.
10. The Heads of State and Government express their gratitude to H.E. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and ECOWAS Mediator on the political crisis in Mali. They encourage him to continue his mediation efforts and accompany the civilian-led transition administration to ensure a swift return to constitutional order in Mali. They ask the Mediator to undertake a Mission to Bamako within one week to assess the status of implementation of the above measures.



11. The Mini-Summit recalls the decision of the Authority on the Follow-up Committee comprising the Mediator, the Chair of the Council of Ministers, the President of the ECOWAS Commission and the Representatives of the African Union and of the United Nations in Mali and call for its early establishment.
12. The Mini-Summit calls on all Malian stakeholders to work together toward a swift return to constitutional order in Mali.
13. The Heads of State and Government express their gratitude to His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa AKUFO-ADDO, President of the Republic of Ghana and Chair of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), for convening this Mini-Summit.
14. The Heads of State and Government thank the Government and People of Ghana for the warm and fraternal welcome accorded them and for the excellent facilities put at their disposal during their stay.

Done at Aburi, this 15th day of September 2020.

The Authority

