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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE ECOWAS EVALUATION MISSION ON THE ONGOING
TRANSITION IN MALI**

**ECOWAS Commission
Bamako, 12 January 2021**

1. In accordance with ECOWAS Protocol A/SP1/12/01 of 21 December 2001 on Democracy and Good Governance and the recommendations of of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government on the situation in Mali, held on 15 September, 2020 in Accra, Ghana, a high-level mission led by H.E. Mr. GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN, ECOWAS Special Envoy and Mediator to Mali, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, visited Mali from 11 to 12 January 2021.
2. The mission of the ECOWAS Mediator comprised HE Jean-Claude Kassi BROU, President of the ECOWAS Commission and General Francis A. BEHANZIN, ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security. The mission also included Mahamat Saleh ANNADIF, Special Representative of the Office of the United Nations in Mali, head of MINUSMA, Mr. Fulgence .., Senior Representative of African Union to Mali and the Sahel a.i, Professor Hamidou BOLY, Resident Representative of the President of the ECOWAS Commission in Mali, Mr. Desmond AGYEMANG-SAAH, Head of the Chancellery, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Ghana in Mali and Madam Sarah Bukar-Godwin Chargée d'Affaires a.i. of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
3. The mission paid visits to H.E Bah N'DAW, President of the Transition and Head of State, the Vice-President of the Transition, the Prime Minister and Head of Government and the President of the National Council of the Transition. The Mission held consultations with the main stakeholders, the diplomatic corps, the Chairmen of the General Delegation to the Elections and the Independent National Electoral Commission.
4. At the end of the various meetings, and while noting the failure of the consultations noted by many stakeholders, the Mission noted with satisfaction the progress made in the appointment of all the heads of the organs of the transition, namely, the President, Vice President, Prime Minister and the President of the National Transition Council. The mission also expressed its appreciation for the appointment of the members of the



Government and the National Transition Council. Following the establishment of the transitional organs, the CNSP should be formally dissolved.

5. The mission further took note of the efforts being made by the Government on the security situation in the country, in spite of the enormous challenges which remain.
6. The Mission encouraged the Transitional Government to complete and communicate on a road map with an action plan indicating the various activities to be carried out while being respectful of the transition period scheduled for 18 months.
7. The mission, insists on the necessity to reinforce consultation through open dialogue with all the stakeholders to ensure an inclusive Transition process. This will allow greater internal ownership of the various decisions relating to the transition, in particular the development of fundamental texts.
8. As the Transition process is expected to lead to credible and transparent elections, the mission encourages the authorities to take into account as far as possible the resolutions made by the National inclusive Dialogue, in particular regarding elections management.
9. On the social level, the mission urged the Transition authorities and social stakeholders to engage in dialogue to reach a solution that preserves interests of Mali.
10. The Delegation also expressed concerns about the recent arrests in connection with an alleged attempt of destabilisation. It urges towards compliance with legal procedures in force, in a transparent manner with respect of human rights,
11. The Mediation thanked the technical partners for their unfailing support to the Malian people and encouraged them to continue to assist the Transitional institutions.
12. Finally, Its reiterated the solidarity of ECOWAS with the Government and the Malian people and expressed its willingness to accompany them in the process of achieving a successful transition.



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