

COMMUNIQUE OF THE ECOWAS MEDIATOR'S MISSION TO MALI Bamako, 8th to 9th June 2021

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- 1. As part of the implementation of the decisions of the Extraordinary Summit on the socio-political situation in Mali held in Accra, Ghana on 30th May 2021, and in conformity with the ECOWAS Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance, a high-level mission led by H.E. Goodluck Ebele JONATHAN, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, ECOWAS Special Envoy and Mediator to Mali, visited Mali from 8th to 9th June 2021.
- 2. The objective of this mission was to hold consultations with the transition authorities to better understand the strategies they plan to develop in order to prioritize the activities that will make it possible to achieve the objectives set for the transition within the timeframe defined by ECOWAS, including the organization of transparent, free and democratic presidential and legislative elections accepted by all political actors.
- 3. The delegation accompanying the ECOWAS Mediator H.E. Goodluck Ebele JONATHAN was composed of H.E. Jean-Claude Kassi BROU, President of the ECOWAS Commission, H.E. Napoleon ABDULAI, Ambassador-designate of Ghana to the Republic of Mali, representing the Chair of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers, General Francis A. BEHANZIN, ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, H.E. El Ghassim WANE, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Mali, Head of the Multidimensional Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), Mr. Fulgence ZENETH, Acting Head of the AU MISAHEL, Professor Hamidou BOLY, Resident Representative of the President of the ECOWAS Commission in Mali, and H.E. Chikézie NWACHUKWU, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Mali.
- **4.** The ECOWAS Mission paid a courtesy call on the President of the Transition, Colonel Assimi GOITA, and on Mr. Choguel MAIGA, the new Prime Minister of the Transition. It also held consultations with members of the Local Monitoring Committee and members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Mali.
- **5.** The Mission took note of the swearing-in of the President of the Transition and encouraged him to conduct the transition in accordance with the



promises and commitments made in his inaugural speech. In this regard, the Mission took note of the appointment of the Prime Minister and reiterated the need to form an inclusive Government that will facilitate the implementation of the transition. The Mission was informed of and welcomed the Prime Minister's wide-ranging consultations with all the socio-political stakeholders, including all the stakeholders who signed the Algiers Agreement.

- **6.** The Mission welcomed the assurances given by the President of the Transition and the Prime Minister to comply with the decisions of the ECOWAS Extraordinary Summit held in Accra on 30th May 2021.
- 7. The Mission also encouraged the Government to set out in a precise manner the priority actions that it must undertake to ensure the success of the transition in the fixed timeframe. The Mission also encouraged the transition authorities to strengthen security efforts with all partners in order to create a peaceful and orderly environment for the upcoming inclusive, transparent and credible elections.
- **8.** The Mission urged all socio-political stakeholders to work together and show responsibility in this delicate period of the transition to ensure a successful transition process.
- **9.** The Mission insisted on the respect and implementation of the Algiers Agreement.
- **10.** The Mission reiterated the commitment of the ECOWAS Authority to accompany the Republic of Mali towards a successful transition.
- **11.** The Mission called on the multilateral and bilateral partners to support the transition process.



12. The Mission thanked the Authorities of Mali for their hospitality and all the facilities put in place to ensure the successful conduct of the Mission.

Done at Bamako, 9th June 2021.

The Mediation Mission

