

CONAKRY AGREEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECOWAS ROADMAP FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN GUINEA BISSAU

I. Background

At the invitation of His Excellency Prof. Alpha Conde, President of the Republic of Guinea and ECOWAS Mediator, a consultation meeting on the situation in the Republic of Guinea was convened in Conakry from 11 to 14 October 2016. The meeting was attended by the Speaker of the People's National Assembly, the Prime Minister, PAIGC, PRS, PND, PCM, UM, religious leaders and civil society representatives.

The Conakry meeting is part of the implementation of the six-point roadmap adopted by ECOWAS and entitled "Agreement on the Resolution of the Political Crisis in Guinea Bissau" signed in Bissau on 10 September 2016.

II. Agreement reached

Following discussions, Guinea Bissau's stakeholders agreed on the following:

1. Consensus on the choice of a Prime Minister who has the confidence of the President of the Republic. The Prime Minister should be in office until the 2018 legislative elections;
2. Formation of an inclusive government based on an organogram agreed upon by all political parties in the National Assembly, in line with the principle of proportional representation;
3. Possibility of appointing independent prominent figures and civil society leaders to the inclusive government;
4. The inclusive government will implement a programme prepared by a national roundtable dialogue within thirty days following the appointment of the Prime Minister.

5. Compliance with the existing principle for the appointment of senior officials of the Republic;
6. Preparation and adoption, by the national roundtable dialogue, of a Stability Pact signed by key political and social stakeholders, and structured around the principles of:
 - i. Accountability and transparency in institutional decision-making;
 - ii. Constitutional reform aimed at establishing stable relations between the Executive, the Legislative and the Judiciary;
 - iii. Reform of the electoral law for the organization of legislative and local elections in 2018;
 - iv. New political party law including public funding of political parties on the basis of their representation in the National Assembly;
 - v. Defence, security and justice sector reform
 - vi. Take-off of the implementation of a development programme in line with vision "Terra Ranka".
7. ECOWAS, African Union, CPLP, United Nations and EU's support for the development, implementation and monitoring of the Stability Pact, in particular through the provision of high-level expertise as well as other substantial financial resources and logistics ;
8. Establishment of a 3-level monitoring and evaluation framework to ensure the stability of the process:
 - At the level of ECOWAS Council of Ministers
 - At the level of the ECOWAS Commission, in conjunction with international partners
 - At the level of the Mediator who will report to the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government
9. The constitutional reform will be conducted as part of a nation-wide consultation taking into account existing review structures. ECOWAS and the United Nations will provide high-level constitutional experts;
10. The unconditional reintegration of the 15 radical MPs into PAIGC, albeit in consonance with existing texts within PAIGC.

III. Conclusion

Participants express their appreciation to His Excellency prof. Alpha Conde, President of the Republic of Guinea, for his personal involvement, generous and African hospitality as well as wise counsel which afforded them the opportunity to listen to each other, discuss and agree, within a spirit of fraternity and tolerance, in the best interest of Guinea Bissau.

They also thank ECOWAS Heads of State and the Commission, the United Nations, the African Union, the Republics of Senegal, Sierra Leone and Angola, the European Union and CPLP for their support and assistance to the people of Guinea Bissau.

They undertake to work in good faith towards the successful implementation of the Conakry Agreement, and most importantly, the ECOWAS Roadmap signed in Bissau on 10 September 2016.

Done at Conakry, this 14th day of October 2016

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