



**EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE MEDIATION AND
SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE LEVEL OF AUTHORITY OF HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Abidjan, 19 January 2013

**DECISION A/DEC/MSC.2/01/13 APPOINTING MAJOR GENERAL
SHEHU USMAN AND BRIGADIER GENERAL YAYE GARBA AS
FORCE COMMANDER AND DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER
RESPECTIVELY OF THE AFRICAN-LED INTERNATIONAL
SUPPORT MISSION (AFISMA) IN MALI**

**THE MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE LEVEL OF THE
AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

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

MINDFUL of Article 58 relating to regional security;

MINDFUL of Chapter 2 of the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution and Peacekeeping and Security, in its Articles 4, 5, 6 and 12 relating to the composition and role of the Authority of Heads of State and Government while acting as the Mediation and Security Council;

RECALLING the relevant Resolutions and Decisions of the United Nations Security Council, the African Union Peace and Security Council and the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council on the institutional and security crises in Mali;

DULY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT Resolution 2085(2012) of the UN Security Council authorising the deployment of the African-led International Support Mission in Mali (AFISMA) in order, among other things, to assist the Malian authorities in the recovery of areas in the



North of the country controlled by armed terrorist and extremist groups, and in reducing the threat posed by terrorist organisations including AQIM, MUJWA and associated extremists groups while taking measures to reduce the impact of military action on the civilian population,

RECALLING ALSO the Harmonised Concept of Operations (CONOPS) for the deployment of the International Support Mission in Mali and the Strategic Concept for Crisis Resolution in Mali adopted through Decision A\DEC.1\11\12 of the Authority, which was subsequently conveyed to the United Nations Security Council for approval;

MINDFUL of Decision C\DEC.CAHG.1/01/13 requesting Members States to deploy troops to support AFISMA and the Malian Defence and Security Forces;

DETERMINED to restore the territorial integrity of the Republic of Mali by deploying troops to the African-Led International Support Mission (AFISMA) established by UNSC Resolution 2085 (2012);

AWARE of the need to appoint a Force Commander and a Deputy Force Commander to lead the Support Mission in Mali;

AFTER DUE CONSULTATIONS with the African Union and other Partners;

UPON RECOMMENDATION of the Extraordinary Session of the Mediation and Security Council which was held in Abidjan on 18 January 2013;



DECIDES

ARTICLE 1: APPOINTMENT

1. Major General Shehu Usman Abdulkadir, a Member of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is hereby appointed as the Force Commander of AFISMA.
2. Brigadier General Yaye Garba a Member of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Niger is hereby appointed as the Deputy Force Commander of AFISMA.

ARTICLE 2 : TERM

Their terms of Office shall be for an initial one year period.

ARTICLE 3: FUNCTIONS

1. The functions of the AFISMA Force Commander include the following:
 - a. coordinate the activities of the troops during the support operations,
 - b. facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance to direct or indirect victims of the crises,
 - c. coordinate capacity building in specialised skills, training in line with local needs, in order to restore the authority of the Malian State,
 - d. eradicate the growing threat posed by terrorist organisations and associated groups,
 - e. safeguard and facilitate free movement of persons and goods in relation to humanitarian assistance,
 - f. facilitate the return of refugees and displaced persons,



- g. provide protection for staff, facilities and equipment, as well as during the movements of the Mission.
2. The Deputy Force Commander shall assist the Force Commander in the implementation of the aforesaid functions.

ARTICLE 6: CHAIN OF COMMAND

The Force Commander shall provide period reports on all activities undertaken by the Support Mission to the Political Head of the Mission.

ARTICLE 7: ENTRY INTO FORCE AND PUBLICATION

This Decision shall enter into force upon its signature by the Chairman of the Mediation and Security Council at the level of the Authority and shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community, within thirty (30) days. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Journal, within thirty (30) days after its notification by the Commission.

DONE AT ABIDJAN THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 2013

H.E. ALASSANE OUATTARA

CHAIRMAN

**FOR THE MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE
LEVEL OF THE AUTHORITY**