



## MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

Abidjan, 25 February 2013

### RECOMMENDATION REC.1/02/13 ADOPTING THE ECOWAS STRATEGY TO COMBAT TERRORISM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

#### THE MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL,

**MINDFUL** of Articles 8, 9 and 10 of the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict prevention, Management and Resolution, Peace and Security, establishing the Mediation and Security Council and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 58 of the said Treaty relating to Regional Security;

**MINDFUL** of the 1999 Protocol, relating to the Mechanism for Conflict prevention, Management and Resolution, Peace and Security, which stress, among other things, the need to combat transnational crimes in order to ensure sub regional security;

**CONSIDERING** that terrorism poses a serious threat to international peace, security and stability, and that it constitutes a criminal act which undermines the efforts aiming at achieving democracy, good governance and development, as well as the full enjoyment of the human rights of all people;

**CONSIDERING** also that terrorist activities in the region during the last decade have shown the gravity of the threat of terrorism in West Africa and the need to adopt strong and sustainable counter-measures to confront various acts such as abductions and hostage-taking, hijacking, bomb attacks, etc, that many Member States experience;

**CONSIDERING** that in the light of the magnitude of these scourges, no Member State taken in isolation can address the complex challenges posed by terrorism;

**RECOGNIZING** that the coordination and pooling of resources among the States are key to effectively eliminating the threat of terrorism, in particular the transnational or international ones involving several other countries;

**DESIROUS** to adopt an ECOWAS strategy to combat terrorism and its implementation plan with a view to coordinating and pooling efforts to fight terrorism in the ECOWAS region;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the meeting of the Technical Committee on Political Affairs, Peace and Security held from 11 to 13 October 2011 in Bamako, Mali;

**RECOMMANDS** to the Authority of Heads of State and Government the adoption of Supplementary Act A/SA.3/02/13 adopting the ECOWAS strategy to combat terrorism and its implementation plan.

**DONET AT ABIDJAN, THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013**

FOR THE MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL,

THE CHAIRMAN

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**H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY**