



**FORTY-SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT**

Yamoussoukro, 27-28 February 2013

**SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA.3/02/13 ADOPTING THE ECOWAS
STRATEGY FOR COMBATING TERRORISM, AND ITS
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government, 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, emphasizing, among other things, the need to combat cross-border crimes such money laundering;

CONSIDERING that terrorism poses a serious threat to international peace, security and stability and constitutes a criminal act that undermines efforts aimed at achieving democracy, good governance and development, as well as the full enjoyment of the human and peoples' rights;



CONSIDERING also that terrorist activities in the region during the last decade have demonstrated 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 on its own can address the complex challenges posed by terrorism;

CONVINCED 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 of adopting both 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;

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

This Supplementary Act hereby adopts the attached ECOWAS Strategy for combating terrorism, as well as its implementation plan.

[Handwritten signatures and initials in blue and red ink at the bottom of the page.]



Article 2

1. Member States shall ensure the establishment of an appropriate legislative framework for the effective implementation of the ECOWAS Strategy for combating terrorism, as well as its implementation plan.
2. Member States shall equally ensure not only closer cooperation in the fight against terrorism, but also build the capacities of the defence and security forces involved in the fight against terrorism.

Article 3

1. The ECOWAS Commission shall ensure the coordination of Member States' activities actions in the fight against terrorism.
2. It shall also ensure the establishment of a robust and proactive institutional framework to assist Member States in their efforts to prevent and fight against terrorism.

Article 4

This Supplementary Act shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within thirty (30) days after its notification by the Commission.

Article 5

1. This Supplementary Act shall enter into force upon its publication. Consequently, Member States shall undertake to commence the implementation of its provisions upon its entry into force.



2. This Supplementary Act shall be annexed to the ECOWAS Treaty as an integral part.

Article 6

This Supplementary Act shall be deposited with the Commission which shall transmit certified true copies thereof to all Member States, and shall register it with the African Union, the United Nations and such other organisations cooperating with ECOWAS, as may be determined by Council, by virtue of Articles 83, 84 and 85 of the Revised Treaty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES, HAVE SIGNED THIS SUPPLEMENTARY ACT.

DONE AT YAMOUSSOUKRO, THIS 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013

IN A SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH, FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE LANGUAGES, ALL THREE (3) TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.



H. E. Thomas Boni YAYI
President of the Republic of Benin

H. E. Blaise COMPAORE
President of Burkina Faso

H. E. José Maria PEREIRA NEVES
Prime Minister of Cape Verde

H. E. Alassane OUATTARA
President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

H. E. Sheikh Prof. Alhaji Dr. Yahya A. J. J. JAMMEH
President of The Gambia

H. E. John Dramani MAHAMA
President of the Republic of Ghana

H. E. Alpha CONDE

President of the Republic of Guinea

H. E. Ellen JOHNSON-SIRLEAF
President of the Republic of Liberia

H. E. Manual Serifo NHAMADJO
Interim President of the
Republic of Guinea Bissau

H. E. Prof. Dioncounda TRAORE
Interim President of the
Republic of Mali

H. E. Mahamadou ISSOUFOU
President of the Republic of Niger

H. E. Dr. Goodluck Ebele JONATHAN, GCFR
President, Commander-in-Chief of the
Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

H. E. Macky SALL
President of the Republic of Senegal

H. E. Ernest Bai KOROMA
President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

H. E. Faure Essozimna GNASSINGBE
President of the Togolese Republic