EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

Abidjan, 18th January 2013

RECOMMENDATION MSC/REC.1/01/13 RELATING TO THE REQUEST TO ECOWAS MEMBER STATES TO DEPLOY TROOPS IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE AFRICAN-LED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT MISSION IN MALI (AFISMA) WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UN RESOLUTION 2085 (2012)

THE MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL,

MINDUL of Articles 10, 11, and 13 of the ECOWAS Protocol Relating to the Mechanism on Conflict Prevention, Management Resolution, Peace-Keeping and Security of 1999 establishing the Mediation and Security Council at Ministerial level and defining its composition and functions;

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

MINDFUL of the said 1999 ECOWAS Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peace-Keeping and Security which provides a broad-based mechanism for addressing issues relating to peace and security within the region;

RECALLING that within the framework of the above stated mechanism, Heads of State and Government can authorise the deployment of a civilian and military force to maintain or restore peace within the region whenever the need arises;

RECALLING the Decisions of the Authority at their Extra-Ordinary Summits of 27th March 2012, 29th March 2012 and 3rd May 2012;
RECALLING the Framework Agreement of 6th April 2012 on the transition in Mali;

TAKING NOTE of the letters of the Transitional Authority of Mali of 1st and 23rd September 2012 addressed to the Chairman of Authority, as well as, the letters of 26th September 2012 addressed to the United Nations, the African Union, and other partners, for the deployment of an International Force to assist Mali to recover its territorial integrity;

TAKING NOTE of the Final Communique of the Extraordinary Session of the Authority in Abuja on 11th November 2012, regarding the security situation in Mali;

RECALLING the Harmonized Concept of Operations (CONOPS) for the deployment of an African-led International Support Mission in Mali (AFISMA) and the Strategic Concept for the Resolution of the crisis in Mali which was adopted by Decision A/DEC.1/11/12 of the Authority and which were subsequently sent to the United Nations Security Council for approval;

RECALLING all the relevant decisions of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union on the situation in Mali;

RECALLING all the pertinent Resolutions of the UN Security Council regarding the security and institutional crises in Mali;

TAKING PARTICULAR NOTE of UN Security Council Resolution 2085 (2012) of 20th December 2012, authorizing the deployment of the African-led International Support Mission in Mali (AFISMA) to, among others, support the Malian authorities in recovering the areas in the north of its territory under the control of terrorist, extremist and armed groups and in reducing the threat posed by terrorist organizations, including AQIM, MUJWA and associated extremist groups, whilst taking appropriate measures to reduce the impact of military action upon the civilian population;

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the rapidly deteriorating situation in the North of Mali, in particular, the repeated incursions by extremist groups towards the South of the country, the violation of international human rights, humanitarian
and refugee laws in the occupied territory by terrorist, criminal and other extremist networks;

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the consequences of these developments on the territorial integrity of Mali and to regional and international peace and security;

RECALLING the Declaration of the UN Security Council made at its meeting of 10th January 2013 for an accelerated deployment of AFISMA;

DETERMINED to assist the Government of Mali to restore the unity and territorial integrity of Mali, as well as create a conducive environment for the full restoration of constitutional order in the course of the transition;

HAVING EXAMINED the Report of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee of Chiefs of Defense which was held in Bamako on the 15th and 16th January 2013

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached Decision A/DEC.1/01/13 Relating to the Request to Member States to deploy Troops in support of the Operations of the African-led International Support Mission in Mali in Mali (AFISMA) within the framework of UN Resolution 2085 (2012).

DONE AT ABIDJAN, THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2013

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