EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL

Abidjan, 18 January 2013

RECOMMENDATION MSC/REC.2/01/13 ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL SHEHU USMAN AND BRIGADIER GENERAL YAYE GARBA AS FORCE COMMANDER AND DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT MISSION IN MALI

THE MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL;

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 13 of the 1999 ECOWAS Protocol on the Mechanism relating to Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution Peace-Keeping and Security establishing the Mediation and Security Council at Ministerial Level 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, 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 acting as the Mediation and Security Council;

MINDFUL of Chapter 3 of the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution and Peacekeeping and Security, in its Articles 17a, 18 and 19 relating to the role and functions of the Defence and Security Commission;
MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Declaration of Political Principles adopted in Abuja on 6 July 1991

RECALLING the principles set out in the OAU Solemn Declaration on Security, Stability, Development and Cooperation in Africa adopted in Abuja on 8 and 9 May 2000 and the Decision AHG. DEC 142 (XXV) on the framework for OAU’S reaction to unconstitutional change of government adopted in Algiers in July 1999;

RECALLING all relevant Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council on the security and institutional crises in Mali;

DUALLY 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, to wipe out terrorist organisations including AQIM, MUJWA and associated extremists groups while taking measures to reduce the impact of military action on the civilian population,

RECALLING the Final Communique of the Extraordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the security situation in Mali which took place in Abuja on 11 November 2012;

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;

RECALLING the relevant Decisions of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union on Mali;
MINDFUL of Decision C\DEC.CAHG.1\01\13 requesting Members States to deploy troops to support the Malian Defence and Security Forces;

DETERMINED to restore the territorial integrity and constitutional order to the Republic of Mali by deploying troops under the command of the Economic Community of West African States;


DONE AT ABIDJAN THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2013

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