



## 12TH INTERNATIONAL CONTACT GROUP MEETING

### ON GUINEA (ICG-G)

Conakry, 8 April 2010

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1. The twelfth meeting of the International Contact Group on Guinea (ICG-G)<sup>1</sup> was held in Conakry on 8 April 2010.
2. The Group held discussions with the Transitional Prime Minister, supplemented by the Economic and Finance Minister. It also exchanged views with the chairperson of the National Transitional Council (CNT), the Minister of Territorial Administration and Political Affairs (MATAP) and the representative of the Independent National Electoral Commission, as well as with the head of the Group of Experts of the Joint ECOWAS-AU-UN Mission on the reform of the security system, the spokespersons for the “Forum des Forces Vives”, the “Alliance Nationale pour le Renouveau” (ANR) and the “Bloc des Forces Patriotiques de Guinée”.
3. The Group was granted audience by the President of the Transition, Brigadier-General Sékouba Konaté during which the Group urged the President to ensure that all conditions were met for the organisation of the presidential election scheduled for 27 June 2010. In this regard, it noted with satisfaction the confirmation by the President that, in accordance with Point 8 of the Joint Ouagadougou Declaration, members of the CNDD, the CNT, the Interim Head of State, the Prime Minister and members of the National Union Government as well as members of Defence and Security Forces in active service would not be candidates in the next presidential elections.
4. The Group congratulated H.E. James Victor Gbeho on his appointment as President of the ECOWAS Commission and his role as the Co-chair of the Group. It also paid tribute to H.E. Mohamed Ibn Chambas for his exceptional contribution to the significant achievements made in the efforts to restore constitutional order in Guinea.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the AU and ECOWAS, the following organizations and countries attended the meeting: UN, EU, MRU, CEN-SAD, OIC, OIF, World Bank, Permanent members of the UNSC (USA, UK, France, Russia and China) and the non-permanent member of UNSC: Nigeria (also as Chair of the ECOWAS Authority); Germany, Spain, Japan, Canada; Burkina Faso ( the Mediator in the Guinea crisis); and Morocco, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Sénégal and Sierra Leone as invitees.

5. The Group recalled the acceptance by all the stakeholders in the transition of the Joint Declaration of Ouagadougou as the reference document for the transition and urged them to respect all of its provisions. In the same vein, the Group reiterated its encouragement to all the stakeholders to consolidate the said Declaration by all appropriate means, while ensuring that this did not delay the chronogram of the transition. In this regard, the Group renewed its gratitude to the Mediator, President Blaise Compaoré, for his disposition to accompany the process aimed at ending the crisis in Guinea.
6. The Group welcomed the establishment of the institutions of the transition as well as the activities undertaken by them that have paved the way for the gradual resumption of cooperation with the international community, particularly with the European Union and bilateral partners. It encouraged them to accomplish the tasks assigned them within the stipulated time frame in order to ensure the success of the transition process.
7. The Group expressed gratitude to the partners who have contributed to the electoral process and launched a fervent appeal to those who have not yet made their contributions to do so without further delay. In order to ensure the proper conduct and transparency of the electoral process, the Group requested the ECOWAS, the African Union, the OIF and the United Nations to take all necessary steps to pursue their electoral assistance efforts and to envisage the deployment of observation missions of sufficient strength to monitor all the forthcoming polls in Guinea, in particular the presidential election of 27 June 2010. In this regard, the Group expressed its readiness to support the efforts aimed at ensuring electoral security.
8. The Group noted with satisfaction the progress made by the Joint Mission of the group of experts from ECOWAS, AU and the UN, expanded to incorporate the EU, the OIF and the United States of America, in support of security system reform; it encouraged the mission to complete its work, taking duly into account the urgency accorded this mission by the authorities of the transition and Guinea's partners.

9. The Group took note of the difficult socio-economic situation in which Guinea finds herself, and launched an urgent appeal to her partners to continue to extend to her the needed financial and technical support in order to facilitate a peaceful transition.
10. The Group welcomed ongoing efforts, both nationally and internationally, aimed at combating impunity and once more encouraged members of the international community to support the efforts of Guinea in this direction.
11. The Group renewed its urgent appeal to all the political forces involved in the transition to put the supreme interests of the country above all sectional considerations and refrain from any acts likely to compromise the transition.
12. The Group decided to hold its next meeting in Conakry in May 2010 after consultations by the Co-Chairs.

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