



## **FOLLOW-UP MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION INSTITUTIONS IN WEST AFRICA**

**BAMAKO, 12 – 15 OCTOBER 2010**

### **FINAL COMMUNIQUE**

1. The Follow-up Meeting of the Network of National Anti-Corruption Institutions in West Africa (NACIWA) was held at the Radisson Hotel, Bamako, Republic of Mali from 12 to 15 October 2010. The objective of the conference, organised by ECOWAS was aimed at formalising the institutionalisation of the Network of national anti-corruption institutions in West Africa.

2. The representatives of the national institutions and Ministries of Justice in the following Member States were present in the meeting:

- Republic of Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Republic of The Gambia
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of Guinea
- Republic of Liberia
- Republic of Mali
- Republic of Niger
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of Sierra Leone
- Togolese Republic

3. The representative of international organisations and the civil society such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Inter Governmental Action Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) and Réseau National de lutte contre la Corruption (RENLAC) also participated in the meeting.

4. Four statements were delivered during the opening ceremony: the statement of the Director of Political Affairs of ECOWAS, representing His Excellency James Victor Gbeho, President of the ECOWAS Commission; statement by the Verificateur-

General of the Republic of Mali, Mr Sidi Sossou Diarra; statement by the Vice Chairman of the Steering Committee of NACIWA, representing the Chairman of the Steering Committee of NACIWA, Mr. Jean-Baptiste Elias and that of the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Mali, Honourable Maharafa Traoré, who also chaired the opening ceremony.

5. The participants considered the country reports presented by the Member State to the conference. While commending the reason underlying this exercise, which was the sharing of experiences and good practices, the meeting stressed the need for cooperation, capacity building of national anti-corruption institutions and strategies for the anti-corruption fight in the ECOWAS region.

6. To institutionalise the network and make it possible for it to commence operations and be adequately prepared for the task ahead in the fight against corruption in West Africa, the participants adopted the attached Constitution of NACIWA and the Triennial Plan of Activities of the Network.

7. The meeting agreed that the adopted Constitution of NACIWA shall be signed by the Chairmen of National Anti Corruption Institutions by December 2010, and it will enter into force in January 2011.

8. In this regard, the meeting agreed that the provisional Steering Committee appointed in 2009 should continue in office for the purpose of finalizing the process of signing the constitution and work out modalities and criteria that will guide the election of the Executive Committee.

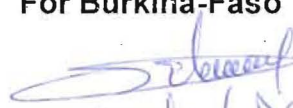
9. Participants expressed their gratitude to the Government and the people of Mali, in particular the Bureau de Verificateur General (BVG) in Mali for facilities put at their disposal to guarantee the success of the Conference.

For Benin

  
DR Jean Baptiste ELIAS

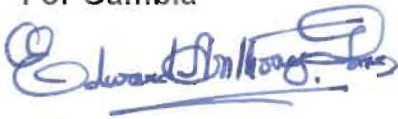
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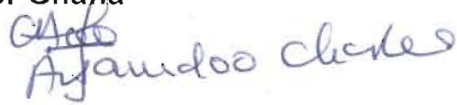
  
Nedda / Sabiret Honouine

Cote d'Ivoire

For Gambia



For Ghana

  
Agyemang Doe

For Guinea Bissau


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For Mali

  
Moumouni GUINDO

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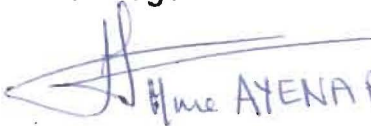
  
EMMANUEL AKOMAYE

For Senegal

  
Mamadou Diop

For Sierra Leone

For Togo

  
Hume AYENA AKOSSIVA

Done at Bamako, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010