

## **Agreement between the Government of Guinea-Bissau and the self-proclaimed military junta**

The parties to the conflict in the Guinea-Bissau, meeting in Abuja, Nigeria, on 31 October and 1 November 1998 in the context of the efforts of the Twenty-first Summit of the Authority of the Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS),

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. To reaffirm the ceasefire agreement signed in Praia on 26 August 1998;
2. To the total withdrawal from Guinea-Bissau of all foreign troops. This withdrawal shall be done simultaneously with the deployment of an ECOWAS Military Observer Group interposition force, which will take over from the withdrawn forces;
3. That the interposition force will guarantee security along the Guinea- Bissau/Senegal border, keep the warring parties apart and guarantee free access to humanitarian organizations and agencies to reach the affected civilian population. In this regard, the Oswaldo Vieira international airport and the seaport shall be opened immediately;
4. To immediately put in place a government of national unity, which will include, among other things, representatives of the self-proclaimed junta, in line with the agreement already reached by the parties;
5. That general and presidential elections shall be held not later than the end of March 1999. These elections will be observed by ECOWAS, the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries and the international community.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998.

(Signed) President, João Bernardo VIEIRA  
for the Government of the Republic of  
Guinea-Bissau

(Signed) General Ansumane MANE  
for the self-proclaimed military junta

WITNESSED BY:

(Signed) His Excellency, General Abdulsalami ABUBAKAR  
Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
for and on behalf of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS

(Signed) His Excellency, Yahya A. J. J. JAMMEH  
President of the Republic of the Gambia

(Signed) Honourable Koffi PANOU  
Minister of Communications of the Togolese Republic  
for and on behalf of the President of the Togolese Republic and the Chairman of ECOWAS

(Signed) H.E. Lansana KOUYATE

ECOWAS Executive Secretary  
(Signed) Professor Ibrahima FALL  
Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs  
for and on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Signed) Ms. Adwoa COLEMAN  
Organization of African Unity Representative  
for and on behalf of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU)