

Ceasefire agreement in Guinea-Bissau

Under the joint chairmanship of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP), the Government of Guinea-Bissau and the Self-denominated Military Junta met in Praia on 25 August 1998 and decided to transform the truce agreed upon in the Memorandum of Understanding signed at Bissau on 26 July 1998 into a ceasefire based on the following principles:

Article 1

The Government of Guinea-Bissau and the Self-denominated Military Junta agree to an immediate ceasefire based on the principles indicated below:

- (a) Reaffirmation of the public recognition of democratic institutions and legality;
- (b) Freezing of their respective military positions held at the time of the entry into force of the Memorandum of Understanding of 26 July 1998;
- (c) Reopening the Osvaldo Vieira Airport in order to facilitate the viability of humanitarian aid, the logistic support to the ceasefire observation mission and the return of refugees;
- (d) Deployment of observation and interposition forces, to be defined through negotiations;
- (e) Strengthening of the opening of humanitarian corridors;
- (f) Creation of conditions which may facilitate the return of refugees and resettlement of displaced persons.

Article 2

Annexes I and II to the Memorandum of Understanding dated 26 July 1998 are an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 3

This Agreement will enter into force on 26 August 1998, at 2 a.m.

DONE at Praia, 26 August 1998.

For the Government of the Republic of
Guinea-Bissau: (Signed)

For the Self-denominated Military Junta:
(Signed)

For the ECOWAS Group of Seven: (Signed)

For the CPLP Contact Group: (Signed)