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Agreement Between the Government of Guinea Bissau and the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta

The parties to the conflict in Guinea Bissau meeting in Abuja, Nigeria on 21 October and 1st November 1998 in the context of the efforts of the 21st 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. Reaffirm the ceasefire agreement signed in Praia on 26 August 1998,
2. Total withdrawal from Guinea Bissau of all foreign troops. This withdrawal shall be done simultaneously with the deployment of an ECOMOG interposition force which will take over from the withdrawn forces.
3. The interposition force will guarantee security along the Guinea Bissau/Senegal border, keep the warring parties apart and guarantee free access to humanitarian organisations and agencies to reach the affected civilian population. In this regard, the Oswaldo Vieira international airport and the sea-port shall be opened immediately.
4. Immediately put in place a Government of National Unity which will include, among others, representatives of the Self-Proclaimed Junta, in line with the agreement already reached between the parties.
5. 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 (CPLP) and the international community.

Done at Abuja, This 1st Day of November, 1998.

President, Joao Bernardo VIEIRA for the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

General Ansumane MANE for the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta

Witnessed by:

His Excellency, General Abdulsalam 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

His Excellency, Yahya A.J.J. Jammeh
President of the Republic of The Gambia

Honorable Koffi Panou
Minister of Communications of the Togolese Republic
For and on behalf of President of the Togolese Republic and Chairman of ECOWAS

H.E. Lansana KOUYATE
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For and on behalf of the UN Secretary General

Ms. Adwoa COLEMAN
OAU Representative
For and on behalf of the OAU Secretary-General

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