

Cessation of Hostilities Agreement

of October 17, 2002

Côte d'Ivoire, planned proposal to regulate the crisis (Dakar, October 8, 2002):

- 1- CEDEAO obtains from the rebel forces a declaration of cessation of hostilities and agreement to enter into dialogue with the government.
- 2- Pending the implementation of the CEDEAO plan, the rebel forces and the government forces undertake to remain in their present positions. The rebel forces commit to the re-establishment of administrative services and normal supplies to the towns.
- 3- CEDEAO obtains from the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, a declaration attesting to the cessation of hostilities and their agreement to enter into dialogue on the part of the rebel forces. In this declaration the government in turn announces the cessation of hostilities and its agreement to enter into dialogue.
- 4- A delegation of the Ivorian government and a delegation of the rebel forces meets in a town in Côte d'Ivoire to begin negotiations, with the participation of the CEDEAO contact group and in the presence of representatives of the international community.

Done at Bouaké, October 17, 2002

Signatories:

For the coordination of the rebel forces and the MPCI (Patriotic Movement of Côte d'Ivoire, political branch of the rebellion, ndlr): Adjutant Tuo Fozié.

For the current president of CEDEAO, Mr Abdoulaye WADE: Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, Senegalese Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In the presence of the executive secretary of CEDEAO, Mohamed Ibn Chambas.

The present agreement enters into force on Thursday October 17 at midnight (00.00)