

## **Yamoussoukro Accords**

### **Outcome of Deliberations of the Meeting held in Yamoussoukro on 29 and 30 June 1991**

**The Following Heads of State Met in Yamoussoukro on Sunday 30 June 1991, Under the Chairmanship of His Excellency, President Félix Houphouëtboigny:**

- Ibrahim BABANGIDA, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity;
- Dawda JAWARA, President of the Republic of The Gambia and current Chairman of ECOWAS;
- Gnassingbe EYADEMA, President of the Togolese Republic;
- Blaise COMPAORÉ, President of Burkina Faso;
- Dr. Amos SAWYER, President of the Interim Government of Liberia;
- Mr. Charles TAYLOR, Head of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia.

During this meeting, the Heads of State requested President Félix Houphouët-Boigny, in his capacity as Doyen, to launch an urgent appeal to Dr. Amos Sawyer and Mr. Charles Taylor to accept a ceasefire as a preliminary to national reconciliation and the restoration of peace to Liberia.

The Heads of State also solicited the assistance of the International Negotiation Network (INN) of Jimmy CARTER, former President of the United States in monitoring the electoral process in Liberia.

The INN shall work in collaboration with a five-member committee, set up for the purpose, and comprising The Gambia, Togo, Senegal, Guinea-Bissau and Côte d'Ivoire, to closely monitor the, non-violation of the ceasefire. It was agreed that the two parties would undertake to maintain security in each of the zones under their control, until the conclusion of elections.

These different proposals were accepted by the two Liberian brothers, who pledged their reconciliation, in the presence of the five Heads of State, by a long and warm embrace.

The Heads of State and the two Liberian protagonists expressed their satisfaction at the outcome of the meeting, and extended their most sincere thanks to His Excellency. Mr. Félix Houphouët-Boigny and the Ivorian people, for the warm and fraternal welcome accorded them during their stay in Cote d'Ivoire.

**DONE AT YAMOUSSOUKRO, THIS  
30TH DAY OF JUNE 1991**

**H.E. FÉLIX HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY PRESIDENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF COTE D'IVOIRE**

**H.E. SIR DAWDA JAWARA PRESIDENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA  
CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF ECOWAS**

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**H.E. Sir Dawda JAWARA President  
of the Republic of The Gambia  
Current Chairman of ECOWAS**

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**H.E. Gen. Gnassingbe EYADEMA  
President of the Republic of Togo**

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**H.E. Gen. Ibrahim BABANGIDA  
President of the Federal Republic of  
Nigeria, Chairman of the OAU**

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**H.E. Blaise COMPAORÉ President  
of Burkina Faso**

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**H.E. Dr. Amos SAWYER, President  
of the Interim Government of  
Liberia**

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**H.E. Mr. Charles TAYLOR Head  
of the National Patriotic Front of  
Liberia**

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