

Algiers Preliminary Platform for the Inclusive Inter-Malian Dialogue

The Mouvement arabe de l’Azawad (MAA), the Coordination des mouvements et forces patriotiques de résistance (CM-FPR) and the Coalition du peuple pour l’Azawad (CPA), signatories to the Preliminary Agreement to the Presidential Election and the Inclusive Peace Talks in Mali concluded on 18 June 2013 in Ouagadougou:

Having met in Algiers at the urging of Algeria in a continuing effort to align more closely the positions of the armed movements in northern Mali so as to create all the conditions for the success of the future negotiations with the Government of Mali;

Having renewed their firm commitment to respect the territorial integrity and unity of Mali, the secular nature of the State and its republican form, in accordance with the previous peace agreements;

Having studied objectively and in depth the political, security, humanitarian, economic, social and cultural situation in the regions of northern Mali, referred to by some as the Azawad (a term recognized by the previous peace agreements), in the light of continuing developments;

Concerned by the unending abandonment and widespread distress of the populations in the regions of northern Mali, referred to by some as the Azawad (a term recognized by the previous peace agreements), in the absence of a definitive settlement of the conflict whose devastating effects they continue to endure;

Convinced that the approach taken by Algeria and the efforts made by the international community to stabilize the situation in Mali will be in vain so long as the root problems are not properly resolved politically without resorting to force, namely, by considering and endorsing the legitimate aspirations of the populations of the regions of northern Mali, referred to by some as the Azawad (a term recognized in the previous peace agreements);

Convinced also that a political settlement of the conflict is likely to advance the struggle against the scourge of terrorism and related activities, which are always present in the region, and to help eradicate them;

Reiterating their firm determination to help realize the aspirations of the populations of the regions of northern Mali, referred to by some as the Azawad (a term recognized in the previous peace agreements), through inclusive dialogue and a respect for the provisions of United Nations Security Council resolution 2100 (2013) and the previous peace agreements, which have allowed the territorial integrity of Mali to be preserved;

Desiring to enter into constructive dialogue and negotiations with the Government of Mali on a new form of governance that will satisfy the deep aspirations and legitimate claims of the populations of the regions of northern Mali, referred to by some as the Azawad (a term recognized in the previous peace agreements), aspirations and claims which in fact reflect the geographic, social and cultural diversity of Mali;

Insisting on the need to put in place effective and internationally guaranteed follow-up and support mechanisms for the implementation of the commitments to be agreed;

Expressing the desire to unify their forces and their activities and to promote inter-community harmony within all components of the regions of northern Mali, referred to by some as the Azawad;

Deploring the tragic events which occurred in Kidal on 17 and 21 May 2014 and addressing their deep condolences to the families of all the victims;

Have agreed as follows:

1. To encourage the efforts of Algeria to consolidate the ongoing dynamic of peace in the region;
2. To create synergies in the approach to a political, peaceful and definitive settlement with the Government of Mali, as facilitated by Algeria and supported and guaranteed by the international community;
3. To enter into constructive dialogue and negotiations with the Government of Mali on a new form of governance that will satisfy the deep aspirations and legitimate claims of the populations of the regions of northern Mali, referred to by some as the Azawad (a term recognized in the previous peace agreements), aspirations and claims which in fact reflect the geographic, social and cultural diversity of Mali;
4. To develop a new form of governance reflecting the specificity and the diversity of the communities in these regions;
5. To promote greater participation by our populations in the management of their own affairs and of public affairs and a greater and more balanced participation by their communities in the various political and administrative organs of the State;
6. To request the Government to speed up the confidence-building measures by freeing prisoners and creating better conditions for the return of refugees once a comprehensive and definitive agreement has been signed;
7. To acknowledge the credible and constructive role Algeria has played in the effort to promote and find a definitive way out of the crisis, and convey to Algeria their full confidence in its continuing efforts to bring about the definitive settlement so long sought by the Malian people;
8. To assure Algeria of their full cooperation and support in its mission and, welcoming the contacts it has made in that connection with its partners, to urge it to maintain those contacts and modify them in keeping with the aspirations of the populations of the regions of northern Mali, referred to by some as the Azawad (a term recognized in the previous peace agreements);
9. To continue the consultations they have begun in Algiers, within the framework of appropriate mechanisms meeting on a regular basis, with a view to completing the harmonization of their positions in advance of the inter-Malian dialogue;
10. The armed movements (MAA, CM-FPR, CPA) have welcomed with satisfaction the humanitarian aid being sent by Algeria to assist the populations of northern Mali, referred to by some as the Azawad (a term recognized in the previous peace agreements);
11. The armed movements (MAA, CM-FPR, CPA) express their thanks to the President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, and to the Algerian

people and Government, for the generous hospitality they have received during their stay in Algeria.

Algiers, 14 June 2014

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