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Accra Agreement

- 1.** Upon invitation from the President of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum KUFUOR, Ecowas' president in office, a gathering (The Meeting) of Ivorian political parties, which signed the Marcoussis Agreement, took place at Accra from March 6 to March 7, 2003.
- 2.** Were present the following participants: The Ivorian Popular Front (FPI), the Ivorian Worker's Party (PTI), the Rally For The Republicans (RDR), the Union for Democracy and Peace in Ivory Coast (UDPCI), the Popular Movement of Ivory Coast (MPCI), the Popular Movement of the Great West (MPIGO), the Democratic Party of Cote d'Ivoire - African Democratic Rally (PDCI-RDA), the Democratic and Citizenship Union (UDCY), the Movement of the Forces of the Future (MFA)

Attended also as moderators: the President of the Supervising Body, Professor Albert TEVOEDJRE; Ecowas' Executive Secretary, Dr. Mohamed Ibn CHAMBAS; the special Representative of Ecowas' Executive Secretary, Mr. UWECHUE; the special Representative of French Speaking Countries Organization (OFI), Mr. Lansana KOUYATE; the special Representative of the African Union, Mr. André SALIFOU. The gathering was chaired by President Kufuor assisted by his foreign minister Mr. Hackman OWUSU AGYEMANG.
- 3.** The Prime Minister designated as provided for in the Marcoussis Agreement, His Excellency Seydou Elimane DIARRA, exposed to the floor the many hindrances and difficulties he is encountering to implementing the Marcoussis Agreement and particularly to set up the Reconciliation government. Discussions and debate by the representatives of the several political forces followed the presentation of Prime Minister Diarra.
- 4.** The attendants to the Meeting hereby confirm their total adherence to the Marcoussis Agreement that they consider to be the appropriate framework to finding a final solution to the Ivorian political crisis. Therefore the participants to the Meeting hereby undertake to fully collaborate with President Gbagbo and Prime Minister Diarra for the setup of a (politically) balanced Reconciliation government.
- 5.** The participants hereby reaffirm as clearly stated in the Marcoussis Agreement, the absolute necessity to preserve the integrity of Ivory Coast's territory; to respect the institutions of the Republic of Ivory Coast; and to restore state power. They stress out their belief in the democratic process as the only and legal mean to acquire and exercise state power. The participants hereby recognize the authority of President Laurent Gbagbo as Head of State, chief of the Army, custodian and guarantor of the Constitution and the institutions of the Republic of Ivory Coast.



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6. The Meeting hereby hails the decision taken by the Head of State to implement the Marcoussis Agreement, and particularly the enforcement, before March 14, 2003, of the provisions related to:

- a) the delegation of power to the Reconciliation government;
- b) and the setup of a Reconciliation government.

7. With regards to the setup of the Reconciliation government, and in order to unlock and disentangle the current political crisis, the Meeting recommends the following:

- a) The urgent creation of a National Security Council (NSC) comprising 15 members:

Comprising The President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, a representative from each political force that signed the Marcoussis Agreement, a representative of the national army (FANCI), a representative of the Gendarmerie army corps, and a representative of the national police forces. The NSC shall work for the good management and supervision of the Ministry of Defense (MD) and the Ministry of National Security (MNS). Upon recommendation from the NSC, the Prime Minister will propose to the President of the Republic, two personalities, chosen by consensual decision of the NSC, to be appointed as Minister of Defense and Minister of National Security.

- b) The attribution to the MPCCI of two State Ministries (Ministères d'Etat): the Ministry of Territorial Administration and the Ministry of Communication

- c) The respect of the choices made by the political parties to appointing their representatives to the Reconciliation government.

8. The Meeting calls on the Ivorian government to take, immediately, in collaboration with French and Ecowas troops, all measures and decisions necessary for the security, protection and safeguard of the participants to the Marcoussis Agreement and also to the members of the Reconciliation government and the population in general.

9. The Meeting calls on the antagonistic forces to immediately stop massacres, killing and exaction in territories under their respective control.

10. In order to promote and reinforce the national reconciliation and the unity of the nation, the Meeting hereby solemnly calls on the civil society in general and the Media to endorse and support the Marcoussis Agreement. The meeting also asks for the immediate release from jail of prisoners of war and people jailed for political activities.

11. The Meeting expresses its greatest thanks to President John Agyekum KUFUOR, who initiated this gathering; and for the sound advises he had constantly given to the participants, asking them to place the interests of Ivory Coast before their individual and personal interests.

12. The Meeting expresses its sincere thanks to the Ecowas' Executive Secretary for his personal dedication and resolution to solving the ivorian crisis.



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13. The Meeting expresses its profound gratitude to the President and members of the Supervising Body for the eminent role they are playing to solving the crisis. The Meeting calls on the Supervising Body to scrupulously supervise the enforcement of the Marcoussis Agreement; and requests from all parties to fully cooperate with the Supervising Body.

14. The Meeting expresses its greatest thanks and profound gratitude to President KUFUOR, the Ghanaian government and to the people of Ghana for the cordial and warm fraternity and hospitality they displayed towards the participants to the Meeting.

Accra, March 7, 2003

Approved and signed by and for:

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