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Accra III Agreement

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1. Upon invitation from the President of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, Ecowas' president in office and UN' Secretary General, Mr; Koffi Annan, several African heads of states, hereby listed and their representatives met, at Accra, Ghana, July 29-30, 2004, with Ivory Coast's head of state, His Excellency Laurent Gbagbo, the prime minister of the Reconciliation government, His Excellency Seydou Elimane Diarra and the representatives of Ivorian political parties that signed the Linas Marcoussis Agreement, namely:

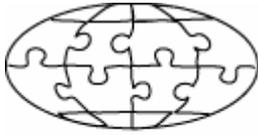
The Ivorian Popular Front (**FPI**), the Ivorian Worker's Party (**PTI**), the Rally For The Republicans (**RDR**), the Union for Democracy and Peace in Ivory Coast (**UDPCI**), the Popular Movement of Ivory Coast (**MPCI**), the Popular Movement of the Great West (**MPIGO**), the Democratic Party of Cote d'Ivoire - African Democratic Rally (**PDCI-RDA**), the Democratic and Citizenship Union (**UDCY**), the Movement of the Forces of the Future (**MFA**)

Attending heads of states and governments representatives:

His Excellency **Mathieu Kérékou**, President of the Republic of Benin
His Excellency **Blaise Compaoré**, President of the Republic of Burkine Faso
His Excellency **Denis Sassou N'Guesso**, President of the Republic of Congo
His Excellency **Laurent Gbagbo**, President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
His Excellency **El Hadj Omar Bongo Ondimba**, President of the Republic of Gabon
His Excellency **John Agyekum Kufuor**, President of the Republic of Ghana
His Excellency **Gyude Bryant** head of the national transitional government of Liberia
His Excellency **Amadou Toumani Touré**, President of the Republic of Mali
His Excellency **Mamadou Tandja**, President of the Republic of Niger, President in office of UEMOA
His Excellency **Chief Olusegun Obasanjo**, President and Chief Commander of the Army of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President in office of the African Union
His Excellency **Ahmad Tejan Kabbah**, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
His Excellency **Thabo Mbeki**, President of the Republic of South Africa
His Excellency **Gnassingbé Eyadema**, President of the Republic of Togo
His Excellency **Fernando Da Piedade Dias Dos Santos**, Prime minister of the Republic of Angola
His Excellency **Cheikh Tidiane Sy**, Minister of State to the Presidency of the Republic of Senegal, representative of the President of the Republic of Senegal
His Excellency **Momodou Kebba Jallow**, High Commissioner of the Republic of Gambia in Ghana, representative of the President of the Republic of Gambia
His Excellency **El Hadj Mamadou Falilou Bah**, Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to the Republic of Ghana, representative of the President of the Republic of Guinea.

2 - Also attending:

His Excellency **Alpha Oumar Konaré** President of the African union's Commission
His Excellency Dr. **Mohammed Ibn Chambas**, Ecowas' Executive Secretary General



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3. During the Meeting, presided upon by His Excellency John Agyekum Kufuor, the Ivorian political parties examined hindrances and difficulties on the way to the consensual implementation of both Linas-Marcoussis Agreement and previous Accra agreement (Accra II). They put forward proposals to reaching the goal to settling peace in the country.

4. The Ivorian political parties hereby confirm their total adherence to the Marcoussis and Accra II agreements. They took the firm resolution to fully contribute to the unconditional implementation of said agreements.

5. To reactivate the peace process and put the implementation of Linas Marcoussis on good finishing track, Ivorian political parties agreed upon the following:

Article 35 of the Constitution and Eligibility's Conditions to the position of president of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire - Other legislative reforms

6. In view of the persisting splitting of Cote d'Ivoire's territory in two separate entities (North and South) resulting from the continuation of the political crisis, the President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire should use his constitutional rights to enforce the application of stipulations about the problem of Eligibility as laid down in Section III of the Reconcilement Government's program annexed to Linas-Marcoussis Agreement.

7. With regards to the decisions made on July 6, 2004 at Addis Ababa, the president of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire had summoned an extraordinary session of the national Ivorian parliament to proceed with all the legal and legislative reform required by the Linas_Marcoussis Agreement.

8. The Ivorian political parties represented at the national parliament hereby reiterated their commitment to support and guarantee the adoption of the legislative laws, decrees and reforms before the end of August 2004 as stated in the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement.

Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR)

9. Participant political parties agreed to start Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration on the 15th of October 2004, the latest. The process will be carried out according to a specific agenda and in conformity to the pertinent stipulations enacted into Linas-Marcoussis Agreement and also in accordance with decision made upon at Grand Bassam and Yamousoukro. The DDR is applicable to all extra military forces, groups and militia. The participants to the Meeting have also agreed upon the necessary restructuring of Ivorian security and defense forces in agreement with the road map agenda elaborated and agreed upon at Grand Bassam.

10. The participant Ivorian political parties empower the Reconcilement Government's prime minister to set up an agenda for the redeployment of the state's administration machine all over the national territory.



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Delegation of power to the Reconciliation Government's the Prime Minister

11. The participant Ivorian political parties stressed out that the letter issued on December 22, 2003, by the President of the Republic to the prime minister of the Reconciliation Government, notified to the prime minister delegation of power in accordance with Article 56 of the Constitution. Said delegation of power gives authority to the prime minister to carry out all recommendations enacted in the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement till the presidential electoral ballot scheduled for October 2005. The participants hereby agreed upon the necessity for the President of the Republic to issue a decree that outlines the precise terms and domains covered by the delegation of power - in accordance with the pertinent stipulations of Linas-Marcoussis Agreement. The prime Minister of the Reconciliation Government and the President of the Republic had agreed upon the terms of said decree to be released by the President of the Republic together with other complementary relevant decisions.

Resumption of the Reconciliation Government's meetings and activities

12. The President of the Republic and the participant Ivorian political parties agreed upon the urgency to resume meetings and activities of the Reconciliation Government so that it plays the vital role of bringing back normal order into the country and acts for the sustained implementing of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement. They agreed to summon a meeting of the Reconciliation Agreement one week after the signature of current Agreement (Accra III).

Human Rights

13. Participants to the Meeting hereby recognize that the reestablishment of peace and stability in the country necessitates the respect of Human Rights and Law. Therefore, they agreed to fully collaborate with the international inquiry body that had been set up in accordance with Linas-Marcoussis Agreement to investigate upon violations of human rights that occurred in Ivory Coast since the beginning of the crisis - on September 19, 2002.

14. Participants to the Meeting also hereby agreed upon the immediate creation in accordance with Linas-Marcoussis Agreement of the National Human Rights Commission that should immediately start its mission.

15. Participants agree hereby to set up a supervising committee comprising first Ecowas' representative in Cote d'Ivoire, second, African Union's representative and, third, the representative of the UN operation in the country. The supervising group to report every 15 days about the progress in implementing Accra III Agreement, first, to the President in office of Ecowas, second, to the President of African Union's Commission, and, third, to UN' Secretary General.

Acknowledgment

16. Participants to the Meeting express gratitude and thanks to His Excellency John Agyekum Kufuor, Ecowas' president in office, to the UN' Secretary General, the Ecowas' Executive Secretary and to the Heads of States and government's representatives that attended the Meeting for their actions to restoring peace in Cote d'Ivoire and the sound advises given that pave the way



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to reaching current Accra III Agreement.

17. All participants express their profound gratitude to His Excellency John Agyekum Kufuor, president of the Republic of Ghana, to the Government of the Republic of Ghana and to the peoples of the Republic of Ghana for the warm and generous hospitality provided that contributed to the open mind and peaceful atmosphere that prevailed during negotiations to reaching the Agreement (Accra III).

Accra, July 30, 2004

Approved and signed by Heads of States listed in Point 1 and by representatives of Ivorian political parties below listed:

FPI

Pascal Affi N'Guessan

MJP

Gaspard Deli

MFA

Innocent Kobena Anaki

MPCI

Guillaume Soro

MPIGO

Ben Souck

RDR

Alassane Dramane Ouattara

PIT

Francis Wodie

UDCY

Théodore Mel Eg

UDPCI

Paul Akoto Yao

PDCI-RDA

Henri Konan Bedie