



FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE 3rd SUMMIT OF HEAD OF STATES AND GOVERNMENT OF GULF OF GUINEA (Malabo, 10 August 2013)

1. At the invitation of **H.E. TEODORO OBIANG NGUEMA MBASOGO**, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea,

- **H.E. JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTOS**, President of the Republic of Angola;
- **H.E. DENIS SASSOU ONDIMBA**, President of the Republic of Congo;
- **H.E. ALI BONGO ONDIMBA**, President of the Republic of Gabon;
- **H.E. MANUEL PINTO DA COSTA**, President of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe;
- **H.E. PIERRE MOUKOKO MBONJO**, Minister of External Relations, Representing **H.E. PAUL BIYA**, President of the Republic of Cameroon;
- **H.E. LUAMBO FRANÇOIS**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Representing **H.E. JOSEPH KABILA KABANGE**, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
and
- H.E. DR. NURUDEEN MUHAMMAD**, Minister of state for Foreign Affair, Representing **H.E. GOODLUCK JONATHAN**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

2. Met in Malabo, Republic of Equatorial Guinea, on 10 AUGUST 2013, for the 3rd Ordinary Session of the Conference of Heads of States and Government of the Gulf of Guinea Commission.
3. The opening ceremony of conference was chaired by His Excellency JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTOS, President of the Republic of Angola, Current Chairperson of the Gulf Guinea Commission;

The Conference proceedings were chaired by His Excellency TEODORO OBIANG NGUEMA MBASOGO, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea;

4. Also attending the Conference as guest, the Heads of State or their Representatives, of the following states:
 - H.E. FAIRE GNASSINGBÉ EYADÉMA, President of the Republic of Togo;
 - H.E. JOHN DRAMA MAHAM, President of the Republic of Ghana;

And the Representatives of the following States:

- Benin
 - Liberia
 - Côte d'Ivoire
5. Representatives of the following International and sub-regional Organizations:
 - ECCAS
 - CEDEAO
 - CEMAC

6. The Participants successively listened to the words of welcome from the Mayor of the City of Malabo **Ms. MARIA COLOMA EDJANG BENGONO**, followed by addresses delivered by **H.E. JOSÉ EDUARDO DOS SANTOS**, President of the Republic of Angola, and Chairperson of the Gulf of Guinea Commission, **H.E. MIGUEL TROVOADA**, Executive Secretary of the Gulf of Guinea Commission, and **H.E. TEODORO OBIANG NGUEMA MBASOGO**, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and the President of the host State.

7. In their address, the speakers underscored the importance of the objectives being pursued by Gulf of Guinea Commission, as enshrined in the treaty establishing the Commission, with regard to peace and security issues in Gulf of Guinea sub-region.
8. The conference of Heads of state and Government took cognizance of the report of the council of Ministers of Gulf Guinea Commission on the various agenda items.
9. After fruitful discussion on the Report of the Council of Ministers and the documents tabled for adoption, the Heads of State and Government reaffirmed their support for the objectives of the treaty establishing the Gulf of Guinea and the organic instrument said Commission. They reiterated their concern about the severe threat posed by piracy, armed robbery and illicit activities at sea in the Gulf of Guinea.
10. Desirous of pooling their efforts to revitalize the Gulf of Guinea Commission and make it operational, in order to achieve its set objectives, the Heads of State Government of the Gulf of Guinea Commission adopted the Report of 8th Ordinary Session of the Guinea Commission.
11. The Heads of State and Government of the Gulf of Guinea Commission directed the Executive Secretariat to implement the restructuring of the Executive Secretariat.

The tenure of the current members of the Executive Secretariat having come to an end, the Heads of State decided to apply the rotation principle and approved the candidacies of the following countries:

- a) Nigeria, for the post of Executive Secretary;
- b) Angola, for the post of deputy Executive Secretary for Political Affairs;
- c) Cameroun, for the post of Deputy Executive Secretary for Natural Resources,
- d) Gabon, for the post of Administrative Director.

12. The Heads of State underscored the need to harmonize the domestic legislations on maritime security and safety.
13. The Heads of State welcomed the announcement by the president of the Republic of Congo, on the construction at Pointe Noire of the CRESMAC promises, which will be ready by the end of this year.
14. The Heads of state reminded Member state of their obligation to pay their annual and outstanding contributions.
15. The Heads of State welcomed the desire of the following West African Countries to join the Gulf of Guinea Commission:
 - Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia.
16. The Heads State and Government agreed to address a vote of thanks for the services rendered to the Gulf of Guinea Commission to **H.E. MIGUEL ANJOS DA CUNHA LISBOA TROVOADA**.
17. The Heads of State and Government agreed to address a vote of thanks to **H.E. JOSÉ EDUARDO DOS SANTOS**, President of the Republic of Angola, for his actions.
18. Lastly, the Heads of State and Government extended their sincere thanks to **H.E. TEODORO OBIANG NGUEMA MBASOGO**, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, for the warm welcome accorded them, and the facilities provided for the success of the Third Ordinary Session of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Gulf of Guinea Commission.

Done at Malabo, 10 August 2013.