



West Africa Network for Peacebuilding

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Asokoro, Abuja, Nigeria

Your Excellency,

Congratulations Message on Your Appointment as the President of ECOWAS Commission

On behalf of the Board of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), Management Team and on my own behalf, I write to welcome you and express our profound and heartfelt congratulations on your appointment as The President of the ECOWAS Commission.

WANEP recognizes and appreciates your extensive experience and leadership demonstrated in your previous positions including in the Government of Benin, as Member of Parliament of the Benin National Assembly, in the Islamic Development Bank and in the African Development Bank. We have no doubt that with this versatility of experience and leadership at both your country and the African Continent, you are poised to provide exemplary leadership to the Community especially in fasttracking Regional Economic Integration, and Development; and also in sustaining political stability, Peace and Security in our Region.

Your Excellency, WANEP has been the key Civil Society Organisation (CSO) partner of ECOWAS since 2003 in the operationalization and sustenance of the ECOWAS Early Warning Mechanism (ECOWARN) as well as in supporting the implementation of the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework (ECPF). Maintaining a Liaison office at the Commission since 2004 and bridging the gap between CSOs and ECOWAS as envisaged in the vision 2020 of the commission (towards

an ECOWAS of the Peoples), we assure you that in the face of the challenges of peace and security that constantly elude our region, we will strengthen our resolve and be more innovative to work with you and the Commission in ensuring that peace in West Africa is sustainable.

Your Excellency, I would appreciate the opportunity to pay you a courtesy visit at the ECOWAS Commission on the 9th and 10th of May 2016 to personally congratulate you on this feat as well as pledge our allegiance and commitment to the success of your administration. Subject to your kind consideration, I will be in company of our Director of Programs and a representative of our Board.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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