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The Collective of Pan-African Artists (CAP)
Campaign for term limits
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Mr. Umaro Sissoco Embaló
President of ECOWAS

Subject: Call for reform on term limits in West Africa

Your Excellency, Mr. President,

Since independence, the multiplicity of political governance crises has slowed down Africa's development and the blossoming of its populations. Despite its enormous potential, the cradle of humanity is having difficulty assuming its destiny.

In 1993, West Africa signed the ECOWAS treaty, with a view to better economic integration and development of the region. However, faced with the ravages of conflict, the Organisation had to adopt a peacekeeping mechanism in 1999, known as the "Protocol on the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security". In 2001, this mechanism was completed by the additional Protocol a/sp1/12/01 on Democracy and Good governance. It had become clear that economic development issues were closely linked to the consolidation of the rule of law and democracy.

Despite these efforts to build a framework of democratic political governance as a driver of socio-economic development, enormous challenges remain. Mother Africa is still considered a poor and vulnerable continent, even though it has inestimable wealth. These riches unfortunately support a policy of predation to the detriment of the continent's populations and youth, who are forced to leave by the thousands on the perilous paths of exile.



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Your Excellency, the development of the continent and the blossoming of its youth cannot be achieved without respect for freedoms and dignity. Unfortunately, the decline in democracy and freedoms is edifying in our community space. With the resurgence of coups d'état within the ECOWAS zone and the security threat, the situation is extremely serious and calls for action. It is for this reason that we have decided, as African artists, daughters and sons of this continent, to unite to make our contribution to the construction of an Africa that is more conscious of the needs of its children. We want to help consolidate democracy and we hope that **your tenure at the head of the regional institution will lead to the reform of term limits, after the last abortive attempt in 2022**. On the continent, the majority fervently hopes that term limits will be enshrined in gold letters in the ECOWAS additional protocol and will be binding on all. It is a matter of safeguarding the freedoms and dignity of women and men for the development of the continent. It is for this reason that we have agreed to take an active part in the pan-African citizens' campaign for term limits, launched in September 2022 in Dakar.

As we firmly believe in your commitment to consolidate justice, democracy and development in (West) Africa, we assure you of our willingness to accompany you in your mission.

Please accept, Excellency the current Chairman of ECOWAS, the expression of our highest consideration.

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