



## **EFF WELCOMES THE SUSPENSION OF MALI FROM THE AFRICAN UNION FOLLOWING COUP'D ETAT**

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The EFF welcomes the decision by the African Union to suspend the Republic of Mali from all activities of the AU, and all of its organs and institutions until such a time constitutional order is restored in the country.

It is a decision that follows a resolution by the Economic Community of west African States (ECOWAS) to expel Mali, after the military usurping of power in the country, which undermines all democratic values.

The destructive tendency of military men undermining the electoral mandate of democratic societies in Africa must be condemned and put to a stop. It is this tendency that is a contributing factor to the continued violence and instability confronting the continent, and is central to how dictatorships maintain themselves.

The decision by the AU is encouraging, and shows that the institution is finally developing a backbone to intervene decisively in the perennial crisis that defines African states.

It is a loud message to all would be secessionists, terrorists and enemies of democracy, that political power obtained outside of the mandate of the people will not be legitimized.

More importantly, neo-colonialists and imperialists, whose thirst for the resources of Africa has led them to corrupt African states by funding coup d'états have been put on notice. No longer will Africans tolerate the sabotage of Africa's political affairs, in order to aid the agenda of the extraction of our wealth and our underdevelopment.

It is decisions such as these that set a precedent. Such decisiveness will ensure that those who wish to continue the rotten tradition that killed President Thomas Sankara, Muammar Gaddafi and led to the unceremonious removal of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, are dissuaded from these actions as they bear no fruit.

We reiterate the call by the AU for all military personnel in Mali to return to the barracks and refrain from interfering in the political process. This must be followed by a civilian-led transition process, free from violence, suppression and facilitated by a diplomatic core comprised of Heads of State from the region and the AU.

The illegal house arrest of all those who comprised the leadership of the Republic of Mali must cease, and they must all be released unharmed. As an interim measure, we call on all organs of the African Community to suspend the membership of Mali from all of their institutions, and for African states to impose strict sanctions on Mali including but not limited to trade embargoes and cutting diplomatic ties.

It is time for Africa to resist the role of the gun in determining the politics of the continent, and for peace to reign towards strong solidarity, independence and Economic Freedom.

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