



EFF STATEMENT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE SANCTIONS AGAINST MALI BY ECOWAS

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The EFF welcomes the tough stand taken on the 9th January 2022 in Ghana by members states of West African regional body ECOWAS against the military junta of Mali. The EFF calls on the African Union to support the efforts of ECOWAS to rid itself of unconstitutional regime change that have characterized the West African community for over half a decade. It would be the AU solidarity with ECOWAS that will send a clear message to rebels and insurgents across the rest of Africa that military takeover of governments by mutineering army shall not and is not acceptable under any disguise. The anarchy in Sudan, Ethiopia, Mozambique, eSwatini and Morocco demands decisive resoluteness and actions similar to ECOWAS response to the intransigence military cohorts of Mali.

The ECOWAS member states have resolved to close all land and air borders against Mali, the suspension of non-essential financial transactions, the freezing of Malian state assets in ECOWAS commercial banks and recalling their ambassadors from Mali. West African Economic and Monetary Union, an entity of ECOWAS has instructed all financial institutions under its umbrella to suspend Mali with immediate effect, severing the country's access to regional financial markets.

We call on SADC countries to learn from ECOWAS on how to deal with dictators like Mswati of eSwatini. It is without any doubt that such sanctions as imposed on Mali would certainly force the hand of King Mswati to reconsider his attitude on genuine democratization of eSwatini.

We call on the South African government to complement ECOWAS efforts by recalling South African ambassador from Mali and to direct the Malian diplomats in South Africa to pack and go to their country until such time democracy has been restored in Mali.

The EFF will dispatch a letter of commendation to ECOWAS for its revolutionary decisive actions against unconstitutional regime change in its region.

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