



## **EFF STATEMENT ON THE MILITARY TAKE OVER OF GOVERNMENT IN GUINEA**

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The EFF condemns the unconstitutional regime change in Guinea following the announcement by Colonel Mamady Doumbouya, the special forces head, that the constitution is suspended and state democratic institutions dissolved and to be headed by appointees of the military defence force.

The coup leader is a reported former member of the French Foreign Legion who received training at Flintlock, the United States military's biggest annual exercise in Africa. These reports have all the hall marks of French and American imperialist footprints. Imperialism should be shunned and resisted by all well-meaning African patriots committed to a free, united, peaceful and prosperous African continent.

The EFF has confidence on the Economic Union of West African States in its proven record of swift actions undermining undemocratic regime change in the past decade and calls for similar harsh actions visited upon Mali and Chad in recent times when the heads of coups reared their ugly heads.

We further call on the South African government and member states of the African Union to isolate the despotic military junta of imperialist sponsored reactionary forces with immediate effect and without notice.

Our country and the African continent governments are not obliged to host a diplomatic office of a military junta and as such, the ambassador and embassy of Guinea should be declared prohibited in the soil of a democratic rule of law state, South Africa and rest of the world.

The AU's Lomé Declaration of 1999 and African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance are clear that the continent should 'prohibit, reject and condemn' unconstitutional changes of government in any member state as a 'serious threat to stability, peace, security and development' and such regimes to be swiftly isolated from the community of nations.

The EFF calls for guaranteed safe return of all arrested and those detained by the military of Colonel Mamady Doumbouya and restoration of constitutional order unconditionally.

Political differences in a democratic dispensation can only be resolved by politicians, the state military is sworn to defend the sovereignty of the people and state of Guinea against external threats and war. There is no substitution of dialog.

The EFF calls for calm and restraint by all sides in pursuit of a lasting solution and closing of ranks against imperialism.

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