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## MRU DECLARATION

The President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio has participated in the 60<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Summit of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of States and Government, held in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The topic of the summit was the security in the Sub-region and the political situation in Guinea and Mali, as these issues continue to be of concern to the organization.

His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio, reaffirmed Sierra Leone's support to ECOWAS mediation efforts for the return to constitutional order and the elaboration of roadmaps for democratic transition in Guinea and Mali, and to ensure peace and stability in the region.

MRU Secretariat congratulates His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio for the sincerity and courage of his statement particularly for the recognition of the effort made by the MRU Secretariat in establishing a constructive dialogue between the Sub-region and the new authorities of the Republic of Guinea in view of an inclusive and peaceful transition.

His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio noted in particular the MRU High-Level Diplomatic Conference organized under the auspices of President George Weah of Liberia and the MRU High-Level Joint Mission to Guinea which has since engaged Colonel Mamadi Doumbouya, President of CNRD, on the imperative of Sub-regional cooperation on security and joint border patrols.

The MRU Secretariat is pleased that His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio, urged his fellow Heads of State to support the MRU to play a complementary supporting role to the ECOWAS process in Guinea.

The MRU Secretariat also warmly welcomes the relevance His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio's reminder on the consensus of the Authority of Heads of State for the Commission to initiate a review of the revised Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance with regards to the contentious issue of third terms of office and arbitrary changes to electoral laws, stating that, that could restore public confidence in ECOWAS's commitment to support stable, timely and legitimate democratic transitions.

The Mano River Union, through its Secretariat, appreciates the continued support of the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and stands ready to bring Member States together in building a prosperous, peaceful and stable sub-region.