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STATEMENT BY THE GLOBAL PAN AFRICAN MOVEMENT ON THE COUP D'ÉTAT IN NIGER OF ON 26TH JULY 2023

The Global Pan African Movement notes that events in the wake of the Coup d'état in Niger of on 26th July 2023, including responses from governments, international agencies, multilateral and bilateral organisations, corporate media as well as, African youth and citizens of all walks of life in the urban centers and rural communities of Niger and other countries in Africa, reflect the systemic divergence between the interests of western imperialists' neocolonial social economic militarist power structures on the one hand and the needs, rights and aspirations of the people (especially the youth) of Africa on the other hand.

The Global Pan African Movement unequivocally and categorically opposes any form of military intervention and operations including the use of force, the threat of the use of force, militaristic provocation of Niger by any state, (African or non-African), multilateral organization, Stand by Force, regular national armies, or proxy asymmetrical militia.

The Global Pan African movement recognizes and draws attention to the correlation between the US led Global NATO illegal invasion of Libya, the murder of Muammar Gadhafi, and the widespread instability and conflict across the region. The current situation across the region is inextricably linked to that illegal anti-Africa invasion executed under the pretext of a self- assumed 'Responsibility to Protect and Restore/Bring Democracy'. That historical fact should serve as a cautionary note in regards to any consideration of military intervention in Niger.

We therefore expresses alarm and concern regarding the specter of any military invasion, deployment or action by ECOWAS acting in concert with the France/USA/NATO axis and the consequences of death, destruction and social disruption of such a disastrous folly far and beyond that of the bloodless coup itself.

We caution African governments that to do so will generate far reaching life negating economic, social, environmental and political repercussions for the whole of Africa. The catastrophic outcomes of which will be especially lethal for the majority of young men, women, children and the vulnerable throughout the Sahel region, west Africa and the continent as a whole.

The Global Pan African Movement implores ECOWAS and the AU to be stringently mindful that to collectively deploy the military to Niger, or for any African government or foreign government or agency were to do so unilaterally, is for the AU and ECOWAS or that said country and government to willfully and by choice decided on a course of action antithetical to the will and sentiments of the majority of the people in Niger as well a majority of the citizens of ECOWAS states.



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We note that the Coup d'état in Niger of 26th July 2023, has precipitated a historical moment placing Africa at the threshold of a sea change within Africa as well as Africa's relationship with Europe and the US in particular. The course of action taken by these young soldiers in Niger acting in similar context as young soldiers of the armies of Burkina Faso, Guinea, Mali and Chad has brought forward, center stage, the two elephants in the room, Imperialism and Neocolonialism, from the shadows and whispers in high places creating the platform to identify them vociferously.

We acknowledge these actions have heightened contradictions thereby raising the curtain, exposing the enigmatic nature of challenges to African unity, prosperity and peace in relation to the long festering neo-colonial reality that continues to impoverish and debilitate African life, negatively affecting the ethos, political culture and operational dispositions of the economic, governance and security institutions of the African state.

The Global Pan African Movement asserts that any formula and strategy to find a solution in favor of the people of Niger and Africa as a whole, the solution must address the root causes, and issues that have engendered coup d'états across the region in Burkina Faso, Guinea, Mali, Chad and Niger within in a historical context.

We strongly entreat ECOWAS, the AU and the Military Council of Government of the Day in Niger that negotiations in pursuit of lasting peace and stability necessarily devise a strategy that addresses the demand from by the youth that the resources of Africa are used to the benefit of African people first. This case of Niger begins with the uranium and the disparities of the energy consumption matrix between Niger and France. It is a glaring example of neo-colonial exploitation that has now become a call to arms resonating across the continent to bring the chapter of neocolonialism in Africa to a final close.

The Global Pan African Movement suggest that the point of convergence for negotiations to begin to find resolution of the political impasse is for an immediate agreement between ECOWAS and the Government of the Day in Niger that there will be no military engagement or deployment by an ECOWAS force of any description in Niger. ECOWAS should state unequivocally that it opposes all military intervention from France, NATO or US.

We further implore the Military Council of the Government of the Day in Niger be transparent and open in pursuing the allegations against President Mohammed Bazoum and it give guarantees that regardless of the outcome of an open and transparent judiciary process and there will be no death penalty on the table nor any retaliatory measures against the persons of his family and associates.

We appeal to ECOWAS and AU to break from the anachronistic imperialist's model of diplomacy and punitive negotiations and demonstrate a negotiation position that is not punitive in process or outcome.

We appeal to the Military Council of the Government of the Day in Niger together with the AU and ECOWAS to place the wellbeing of the citizens as a priority agenda item in the negotiations, and that rather than negotiate as antagonists, they engage as fellow Africans working together to solve the long standing contradictions that are generating hardships, insecurity and despair amongst the people of which the coup d'états are a response.



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In that context we alert politicians, elected officials of Africa and the governments of France, the USA EU and NATO countries be seized of the fact, that consciously pursuing a course of action by its very nature creates conditions that inevitably and directly cause instability, suffering and death amongst the most vulnerable African men, women and children, the destruction of fragile infrastructure, disruption of social services, social economic development further exacerbating the stomach wrenching systemic impoverishment does not lead to peace or democracy.

We strongly urge ECOWAS to restore power to Niger to ease the burden on an already at risk and impoverished population as a positive gesture recognizing the cultural and familial ties among the communities of the region.

The Global Pan African Movement is aware that the conundrum we are presented with by the coup d'états in Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, Guinea and Sudan is that of the need for critical need for structural change far and beyond what can be delivered by current model of electoral political power competitions (AKA multiparty elections) and the unacceptability and improbability of military Coup d'états being a means and method of bringing about the needed changes.

The Global Pan African Movement acknowledges that in principle coup d'états are not an acceptable means of changing government administrations. As Pan Africanists we endorse and supports a governance model of shared collective responsibility based on popular participatory democracy exercised within Pan African Political culture imbued with and guided by the values of Ubuntu consensus building and common purpose as opposed to the imperialist democracy of competition winner take all model.

We therefore note with studied concern that the divisive, adversarial-competitive electoral political model masquerading as democracy has engendered and empowered, an avaricious political culture and politico-comprador elite that manages the imperialist's, neo-liberal mechanisms of exploitation and, who are more responsive to serving the needs of the neo-colonial status quo rather than being servants of the people.; And that until this model and it's social, cultural and economic structures are deconstructed and uprooted, instability, conflict and irregular methods of changing governments along with cyclical electoral violence will persist into the foreseeable future for Africa.

The Global Pan African Movement understands that peace and security are the twin children of socio-economic justice. Justice is derived from continuous popular participation in governance, work place democracy and economic and cultural self-determination. These elements, self-determination peace, social equity, economic democracy, and popular participatory democracy cannot exits nor thrive within a neo-colonial structure of the current imperialist world order.

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