



# AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY UNION APU

## STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN MALI

*The African Parliamentary Union,*

- following with concern the political situation in Mali, particularly after the coup d'état of August 18, 2020,
- faithful to its commitments in the defense of the principles of democracy and the rule of law in African countries,

1. *condemns* in the strongest terms any taking of power by force which undermines democratic values in Africa;
2. *reaffirms* that recourse to political dialogue remains the most appropriate way to resolve conflicts;
3. *welcomes* the release of President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita and members of the overthrown government;
4. *affirms* that Mali's stability and security in the north of the country and in the sub-region, as well as the fight against terrorism, must remain priority objectives;
5. *supports* the efforts of the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the international community aimed at promoting the return to constitutional order in Mali.

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