

**Cooperation Agreement in the field of Security
between the member states of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD)**

The member states of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD),

- Pursuant to the fundamental principles of the Treaty Establishing the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) signed on 4 February 1998;
- In accordance with the Security Charter of CEN-SAD signed on 5 February 2000;
- In view of the objectives of the Community;
- Strengthening the brotherly relations between their countries and peoples;
- Seeking organised and efficient cooperation in the field of security and the fight against crime to achieve their common interests;

agreed on the following:

**Chapter (1)
Combating Destructive Activities**

Article (1)

The member states of CEN-SAD shall take effective and firm action to prevent terrorist acts and organised crimes in all their forms, and prevent the use of their territory for planning, organising, or committing acts and crimes. This includes preventing the infiltration of individual or groups of terrorists or criminals, prohibiting their residence in any CEN-SAD country, preventing them from obtaining any financial or moral support or any physical or military training, combating their activities against any member state, and extraditing them to their countries after taking the measures applicable in the legislation of each member state.

Article (2)

Each member state shall take all the necessary procedures to prevent its citizens or residents from committing any hostile acts against the security and the territorial safety and unity of the other states.

Article (3)

Member states shall take the necessary measures to avert any activities that contravene the domestic policy or that prejudice the territorial safety or unity of any member state.

**Chapter (2)
Exchange of Information**

Article (4)

Member states shall – within available abilities – exchange laws, regulations, and rules pertaining to justice and public security activities, and any research, books, publications, bulletins, and training videos of a security character that are published by official agencies.

Article (5)

Member states shall exchange information and expertise that contribute to the development of means of combating all types of crimes. They shall provide technical assistance or consultancy in security affairs so as to ensure the desired integration in this field.

Article (6)

Member states shall exchange information and data pertaining to all security fields, in particular to:

- a. The activities and crimes of terrorist groups and organisations that destabilise the security and stability of any member state.
- b. The names, pictures, and movement of criminals with dangerous records, suspects, and convicts.
- c. Currency counterfeiting and circulation.
- d. Forgery and use of travel documents and identity cards.
- e. The travel document acquisition process and border crossing control procedures applicable in the member states, and cooperation in combating cross-border infiltration or illegal migration.

Article (7)

Member states shall reinforce the relation between criminal inquiry and investigation agencies in every member state to report – whenever necessary – any information in their possession about any criminal operations that have been committed or that are under preparation inside or outside any of the member states.

Article (8)

Each member state shall take the necessary procedures to safeguard the confidentiality of the information, data, and material exchanged between member states whenever they are classified as confidential by the delivering state. Such information, data, and material may only be distributed with the approval of the state that provides them.

Chapter (3) Technical Cooperation

Article (9)

Member states shall cooperate in developing, training, qualifying, and preparing security and police personnel. They shall develop such cooperation between educational and training institutions of similar specialisation in the member states.

Article (10)

The concerned entity in every member state shall notify its counterpart in the other member states of any new emerging crimes or criminal patterns, the methods used to commit such crimes, and the measures taken to track and prevent them.

Article (11)

As a boost to security cooperation, periodical meetings shall be held – when needed – and field visits shall be organised for security personnel of the member states at all levels and in various activities with the aim of introducing their national legislation.

Article (12)

The concerned security entities of the member states shall conduct prior consultations and their representatives shall work together on coordinating their positions on the issues listed on the agenda of regional and international conferences on security affairs.

Chapter (4) Monitoring the Implementation of the Agreement's Provisions

Article (13)

A technical committee composed of the representatives of the member states shall be established to monitor the implementation of the present agreement. Such committee shall convene on the margins of the meetings of the CEN-SAD interior and public security ministers. It shall have the following duties:

1. Prepare the necessary action programs to implement the provisions of this agreement.
2. Propose the methods and procedures for developing security cooperation between member states.

Article (14)

The member states shall communicate to implement this agreement through their security or specialised police agencies or via channels created for this purpose.

Chapter (6) Final Provisions

Article (15)

1. Every member state may submit proposals regarding the amendment or revision of the provisions of this agreement to the General Secretariat.
2. The General Secretariat shall relay such proposals to the member states within 30 days from their receipt. The CEN-SAD Presidency Council shall review such amendments or revisions after the 30-day period given to the member states.
3. Amendments to this agreement shall not preclude any rights acquired by a member state pursuant to the provisions of this agreement before the entry into force of such amendments.
4. The provisions of this agreement shall not affect any prior commitments entailed by all other bilateral or multilateral agreements to which a member state is party.

Article (16)

This agreement shall enter into force provisionally upon its signature by two-thirds of the member states, and permanently upon deposit of the documents of ratification with the CEN-SAD General Secretariat by two-thirds of the member states.

Adopted in Bamako on 15 May 2004

Executed in three original copies of equal legal force in the Arabic, English, and French languages.

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