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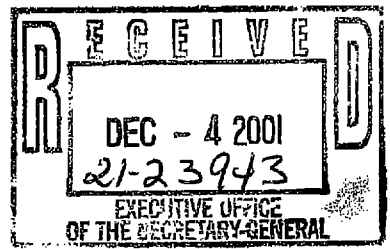
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Note to the Secretary-General

(Through Mr. Prendergast) *Prendergast 4/12*

CONSULTATIONS ON GUINEA-BISSAU AT THE ECOWAS SUMMIT

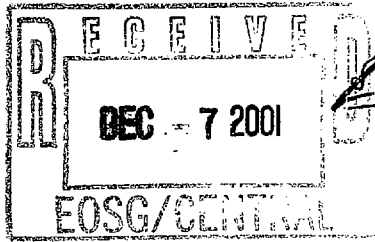
1. Following your telephone conversation with President Wade, I had two telephone conversations with Mr. Lansana Kouyaté on the new initiatives of ECOWAS on Guinea-Bissau. He informed me that, following the visit of RSG Nana-Sinkam to Cape Verde, President Pires had decided to send a special envoy to meet with President Kumba Yala.

2. President Obasanjo had planned to go to Guinea-Bissau with President Konaré, but Mr. Kouyate thought instead that a coordinated approach within ECOWAS and in cooperation with the CPLP would be more productive. In this regard, he confirmed to me that the situation in Guinea-Bissau would be extensively discussed during the next ECOWAS summit in Dakar from 20 to 21 December 2001. These discussions on Guinea-Bissau might be followed by the dispatch of a delegation of leaders of the sub-region to Guinea-Bissau to discuss with different protagonists about the current crisis in that country.

3. I have tried twice, without success, to brief President Wade, as a follow-up of your telephone conversation with him. I would try again especially with a view to persuading him that it would be better to first impress on President Yala and other actors in Guinea-Bissau the need to resolve the current political and constitutional crisis as a precondition to any economic and financial round-table for Guinea-Bissau. This approach would have the double advantage of stabilizing the situation in the country and attracting the international partners.

4. In this context and in light of the invitation addressed to you by the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS, with your approval, I intend to represent you at the ECOWAS summit and take part in these extensive consultations on Guinea-Bissau. This will mean that, from Abuja and Abidjan, I would proceed to Dakar. Mr. Prendergast is in agreement with this amendment to my initial travel plan.

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