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**MINISTRY OF TERRITORIAL  
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**REPUBLIC OF MALI**  
One People – One Goal – One Faith

## **STATEMENT N° 056 BY THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT**

The Transitional Government takes note of the Press Release whereby the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury announced restrictive unilateral and extraterritorial measures against high personalities and valiant Malian senior officers on the basis of unfounded allegation.

These new measures, which are contrary to international law, which we vigorously condemn, unfortunately add to the list of aggressive measures, acts of intimidation, blackmail and hostile campaigns against Mati, at a time when we are resolutely engaged in the fight against terrorism and insecurity in all its forms.

As a reminder, in its Statement N° 053 dated May 27, 2023, the Transitional Government warned the American authorities, after reminding them of the series of hostile and provocative acts against our country.

In addition, the Transitional Government urges the US authorities to remember, continuously, their responsibility for worsening the security situation in our country, which is consecutive to the unilateral military intervention of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Libya which destabilized the entire region.

In this regard, it is disturbing to note that the US authorities who are among those who have actively contributed to the spread of terrorism and weapons in the Sahel with lots of casualties, by creating chaos in Libya, are the very ones who, failing to provide "after-sales service" and help us meet this challenge, lead hostile campaigns, demonize our partnerships and attempt to undermine the morale of our valiant Defense and Security Forces, by politicizing and instrumentalizing human rights.

However, despite a difficult general context subtly worsened for Mali through misinformation and propaganda, against a backdrop of exacerbated geopolitical games, the unwavering will of the Government remains the securing of the territory and the return to a peaceful and secure constitutional order, while ensuring strict



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application of the three principles defined by HE Colonel Assimi GOÏTA, President of the Transition, Head of State, which guide public action in Mali, namely:

1. Respect for Malian sovereignty;
2. Respect for the strategic choices and choices of partners made by Mali;
3. Taking into account the interests of the Malian people in all decisions.

While strongly denouncing the aggressive approach of the United States of America against the Malian Authorities and People, the Transitional Government indicates that the adoption of these measures without effects provides a happy opportunity to reiterate the Government's and the Malian People's pride in the soldiers unjustly targeted in particular, and in the elements of the Defense and Security Forces in general for their commitment to the defense of their homeland.

Finally, the Transitional Government takes the opportunity to urge the Malian people to stand "on the ramparts" and to redouble vigilance against attempts to destabilize the country and acts of internal and external aggression targeting social cohesion and unity in Mali.

May God bless Mali and protect Malians!

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*Signed by:*

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