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PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Decree N°2014-0609 /P-RM of August 14th 2014

**REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SECURITY SECTOR REFORM**

**The President of the Republic,**

According to the Constitution;

According to the Law n°04-051 of November 23rd 2004 regarding the general organisation of National Defence;

**DECREES:**

**1st Article :** A National Council for Security Sector Reformis created under the authority of the President of the Republic, abbreviated as C.N.R.S.S.

**2nd Article :** The National Council for Security Sector Reform has the following mission :

* To define the strategic orientation and to set the national priorities concerning Security Sector Reform;
* To decide the orientations and/or any corrective measures during the process;
* To arbitrate and validate the budgets proposed by the Coordination Cell;
* To ensure the mobilization of the resources induced by Security Sector Reform;
* To ensure the effective implementation of the results of the reform process.

**3rd Article :** The National Council for the Reform of the Security Sector is assisted by a Coordination Cell.

The Coordination Cell is the operational arm of the National Council for Security Sector Reform (CNRSS).

**4th Article :** The National Council for Security Sector Reform is presided over by the President of the Republic.

It includes:

* The Prime Minister;
* The minister in charge of Justice;
* The minister in charge of Defence;
* The minister in charge of the Interior and Security;
* The minister in charge of Foreign Affairs;
* The minister in charge of the Economy and Finances;
* The minister in charge of Public Service;
* The minister in charge of the Environment;
* The minister in charge of Women, Children and Families;
* The representative of the National Defence, Security and the Civil Protection Commission of the National Assembly.

The heads of international organizations and/or heads of diplomatic missions involved in Security Sector Reform, the representatives of civil society and subject experts, chosen because of their real skills in the field, can be invited to participate in certain sessions of the Council depending on the issues in the agenda.

Moreover, the National Council can also call any other ministry or service whose competence or technical knowledge could be useful concerning the management of a particular question.

**5th Article :** The National Council for Security Sector Reform meets by notification of its president once a month in an ordinary session and whenever as necessary.

**6th Article :** The Secretariat of the National Council for Security Sector Reform is provided by the Coordination Cell.

**7th Article :** The Coordination Cell includes three thematic groups which are :

* Defence, Security, International Relations;
* Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Governance;
* Rule of Law, Democratic Control and Gender.

**8th Article :** The Coordination Cell is tasked with the elaboration and proposal of the national strategy for Security Sector Reform, for validation by the National Council for Security Sector Reform. For this reason, the Coordination Cell is charged:

* To prepare and to propose the budgets to the National Council for Security Sector Reform;
* To ensure the coordination of actions led by ministries involved;
* To ensure the coherence of the work issued from sectoral structures and to proceed to arbitration;
* To identify the opportunities, threats, vulnerabilities and challenges of Security Sector Reform and submit them for the decision of the National Council for Security Sector Reform;
* To assure the constitution and the functioning modalities of thematic groups;
* To ensure the synthesis and validation of the work of the thematic groups
* To ensure the monitoring and evaluation of the process of Security Sector Reform at sectoral levels and report this to the National Council for Security Sector Reform.

**9th Article :** The Coordination Cell is managed by an Office composed as follows :

* A Coordinator;
* A Secretary General;
* Three (3) officers;
* A Secretariat including a Head of the Secretariat and a Secretary;
* Support staff (orderlies, drivers)

**10th Article :** The Coordination Cell includes, in addition to the Coordinator and the Secretary General :

* A head of group for each thematic group;
* A representative per Ministry involved in the process of Security Sector Reform;
* A representative of the National Defence, Security and the Civil Protection Commission of the National Assembly
* The representative of the Defence Cabinet of the Prime Minister;
* The representative of Technical and Financial Partners (PTF) of Mali;
* The representative of the CEDEAO;
* T**h**e representative of the African Union;
* The representative of the MINUSMA;
* The representative of the European Union.

The Coordination Cell can require any person or structure whose contribution can be useful for its work, in particular:

* The Mediator of the Republic;
* Representatives of the Association of Municipalities of Mali
* Representatives of civil society: organisations for women, young people and syndicates non-governmental organisations working in the field, etc;
* Subject experts working in the fields of peace, security and human rights.

**11th Article :** The Coordinator and the General Secretary of the Coordination Office are named by decree of the President of the Republic.

The other members of the Coordination Cell are named by of the Minister of the Interior and Security.

**12th Article :** The Coordination Cell meets by notification of its coordinator twice a month and whenever as necessary.

The thematic groups of the Coordination Cell shall meet at least once a week.

The detail of the organization and of the operation of the Office of the Coordination Unit is set by order of the Minister of the Interior and Security.

**13th Article** : A Sectoral Committee placed under the authority of the Minister is put in place in each department involved in Security Sector Reform.

**14th Article** : The Sectoral Committeehas the following mission :

* To elaborate the sectoral policy documents of each ministry involved in Security Sector Reform
* To propose reform action plans to the Coordination Cell;
* To define the objectives, principles and modalities of the sectoral reform implementation;
* To implement the recommendations of the Coordination Cell;
* To organize the activities of working groups;
* To ensure the coordination of the work of the working groups.

**15th Article:** The Sectorial Committee is composed of working groups set up along the priorities identified and/or defined by departments.

The number of working groups and their constitution depend on the specificities of each department.

The experts of Technical and Financial Partners and other subject experts can be members of the Sectorial Committee according to their area of expertise.

The Sectorial Committees work regularly on the reform priorities identified in their sectors.

**16th Article:** this decree will be registered and published in the official Journal.

**Bamako, the 14th August 2014**

**The President of the Republic,**

**Ibrahim Boubacar KEITA**