



Declaration of the Rio Group concerning the events in Mauritania

The Rio Group countries manifest their most forceful condemnation to the coup d'etat occurred on August 6th in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and express their support and solidarity to the democratically elected government of President Sidi Ould Cheikh Abdallahi, as they call upon to his immediate liberation as well as that of Mauritania's Prime Minister.

The Rio Group takes upon itself the call made by UN's Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and by other regional and global actors, in favor of the restoration of the constitutional and democratic order, as well as of the political and civil freedom in Mauritania.

Mexico City, August 7th, 2008.

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