

## **Declaration of the Rio Group on the situation in Guinea Bissau**

The Rio Group condemns the assassinations of President Joao Bernardo Vieira, and the Army's Chief of Staff, General Batista Tagme Na Wai, of Guinea-Bissau, recently occurred in the City of Bissau.

The Rio Group sums up to the call made by the International community – displaying renewed efforts in support of peace consolidation in Guinea-Bissau— so that this country may overcome as soon as possible such political crisis, and returns to normality within constitutional order and based on the Rule of Law and Democracy.

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