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#### **President Brou briefs ECOWAS Champion on the Fight against COVID-19**

H.E. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou had a virtual meeting with the ECOWAS Champion on the Fight against COVID-19, H.E. Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The purpose of the meeting was to brief the Champion on what had been done since the last Extraordinary Summit of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government which held on April 23, 2020 and the next steps to be taken before the 57th Ordinary Session of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government scheduled to hold in July 2020.

President Brou highlighted the activities of the three Ministerial Coordinating Committees on Health; Finance; and Transport, Logistics and Trade. He informed the Champion that the individual reports of the three Ministerial Coordinating Committees would be consolidated into one report which would be presented to the Champion for his consideration and possible use as a working document for His Excellency's report to the next ECOWAS Summit scheduled to hold in July 2020.

In addition, President Brou implored the Champion to continue to serve as Advocate for ECOWAS on the continental and international levels on the fight against COVID-19. Also, the Champion should promote massive awareness campaigns involving all stakeholders as the increase of COVID-19 in the ECOWAS region, which was cumulatively 45,161 confirmed cases and sadly 878 deaths as at Wednesday 10 June 2020.

Finally, President Brou made an appeal for the approval of a request by WAHO for logistic support regarding air freight of critical COVID-19 medical supplies to the regional hub in Abuja from where the medical supplies will be distributed to the other ECOWAS Member States. President Buhari approved the request.

**For more information and updates on COVID-19 across the West African Region, visit our website: <https://www.ecowas.int/covid-19/>**

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