

TERMINATION OF THE DESIGNATION OF ETHIOPIA,  
GUINEA, AND MALI AS BENEFICIARY SUB-SAHA-  
RAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES UNDER THE AFRICAN  
GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

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MESSAGE

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENT TO TERMINATE THE DESIGNATION  
OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA, THE  
REPUBLIC OF GUINEA, AND THE REPUBLIC OF MALI AS BENE-  
FICIARY SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES UNDER THE AFRI-  
CAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2022,  
PURSUANT TO 19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)(3)(B); PUBLIC LAW 93-618, SEC.  
506A(a)(3)(B) (AS ADDED BY PUBLIC LAW 114-27, SEC. 105(a)(2));  
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*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with section 506A(a)(3)(B) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)(3)(B)), I am providing advance notification of my intent to terminate the designation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Ethiopia), the Republic of Guinea (Guinea), and the Republic of Mali (Mali) as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).

I am taking this step as Ethiopia, Guinea, and Mali are not in compliance with the eligibility requirements of section 104 of the AGOA—in Ethiopia, for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; in Guinea, for not having established, or not making continual progress toward establishing, the protection of the rule of law and of political pluralism; and in Mali, for not having established, or not making continual progress toward establishing, the protection of the rule of law, political pluralism, and internationally recognized worker rights, and for not addressing gross violations of internationally recognized human rights.

Despite intensive engagement between the United States and the Governments of Ethiopia, Guinea, and Mali, these governments have failed to address United States concerns about their non-compliance with the AGOA eligibility criteria.

Accordingly, I intend to terminate the designation of Ethiopia, Guinea, and Mali as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries under the AGOA as of January 1, 2022. I will continue to assess whether the Governments of Ethiopia, Guinea, and Mali are making continual progress toward meeting the AGOA.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *November 2, 2021.*

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