



GIMAC SOLIDARITY MESSAGE TO THE WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF MALI

We, NGOs and civil society networks, representing men and women of all backgrounds and cultures of Africa, meeting on 10-11 July 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia during the 20th Pre-Summit Consultative Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in the African Union,

Considering the serious consequences of the coup d'état of 22 March 2012 that occurred in Mali and caused instability in the country and widespread violations of the social and economic rights of the people, especially those of women and children,

Acknowledging that the crisis has resulted in massive internal displacement of populations and large flows of refugees into neighboring countries,

Concerned about the many cases of abduction, physical assault, rape, sexual violence and other forms of abuse perpetrated on women and children,

Noting with concern that the ongoing conflict has led to deteriorating living conditions of people who have been affected by severe shortages, both in terms of basic commodities and basic social services,

Strongly condemn all acts of violence and terror against civilians and all acts of looting, pillaging and vandalism.

Call for an immediate end to all forms of human rights violations in the country and call for an early restoration of peace and security in Mali.

Call on the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the African Union (AU) and the international community, to strengthen their mediation efforts and ensure the active and effective participation of women in the process of peacekeeping and peacebuilding.

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