



Femmes Africa Solidarité
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Interactive Dialogue with Independent Expert on the Central African Republic

Mr President,

Let me first pay tribute to the former United Nations Secretary General's Special Representative in CAR, Ms Vogt who passed away yesterday.

FAS (Femmes Africa Solidarité) would like to thank the Independent Expert for her commitment and the quality of her recommendations for a sustainable peace to the ongoing crisis in the Central African Republic, and calls for the renewal of her mandate for another year.

We have noted certain ameliorations with regard to the security situation in the CAR, but we would draw the attention to a worrying, new form of insecurity that has been noticed, under the form of organized crime and day to day banditry.

In this particular context, we commend the exemplary cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union, which allowed for the recent transfer of authority between the MISCA and the MINUSCA.

In spite of the ceasefire agreements signed in Brazzaville, the peace process in the CAR remains fragile, and the challenges persist, namely the 2.5 million persons in need of humanitarian aid, the need for a national reconciliation process, the restoration of the State authority and the fight against impunity.

In view of these crucial issues, FAS encourages the international community to remain mobilized and thus prevent that the CAR become a forgotten country in need.

Mr President,

FAS is pleased to note that the transitional authorities of the CAR have referred to the International Criminal Court for the investigation of the crimes and violence that the country has been a witness to since the 1st of August 2012, and we encourage the authorities to pursue their efforts so that the authors of these violations of human rights and international humanitarian law are duly brought to justice.

Madam Independent Expert,

During the national elections held in Senegal in 2012, our organization Femmes Africa Solidarité has successfully initiated a women's situation room, an innovative solution meant to ensure free, inclusive, transparent and peaceful elections in the country. Could such an initiative be implemented by the women of the civil society in the CAR?

Could you incorporate, in your future report, specific recommendations on women's participation in the peace process with regard to the current situation in the CAR, and with reference to the Resolutions 1325 and 2122 of the UN Security Council?

Finally, during your most recent mission in the CAR, have you observed new initiatives of reconciliation at the local level, deserving to be supported by the international community?

I thank you