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## **DECEMBER 15, 2006 - SECURITY COUNCIL PRESS STATEMENT ON GUINEA-BISSAU**

New York - The following Security Council press statement was delivered today by Council President Nassir Abdulaziz al-Nasser (Qatar):

Members of the Security Council heard a briefing on 15 December from the newly appointed representative of the Secretary-General in Guinea-Bissau, Shola Omoregie, on recent developments in Guinea-Bissau, as contained in the latest Secretary-General's report (document S/2006/946).

Members of the Security Council expressed their concern over the precarious political, security and economic conditions in Guinea-Bissau.

Members of the Security Council are closely monitoring the situation and expressed appreciation for the informative report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau, as well as the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in Guinea-Bissau. Members of the Security Council commended the activities of UNOGBIS.

Members of the Security Council reiterated the appeal of the Secretary-General urging the political leaders to exercise restraint, focus on development and reconciliation and good governance, and to find negotiated solutions to their differences and to put the national interest above all.

Members of the Security Council called upon the international community, international institutions and donor partners to continue their support to Guinea-Bissau.

Members of the Security Council welcome the presentation of the Government of Guinea-Bissau of a new security sector reform plan and called for its early implementation with international support.