

20 Nov 2008

NOVEMBER 20, 2008 - SECURITY COUNCIL PRESS STATEMENT ON GUINEA-BISSAU

The following Security Council press statement on Guinea-Bissau was read out today by Council President Jorge Urbina (Costa Rica):

The members of the Security Council welcomed the holding on 16 November 2008 of the legislative elections in Guinea-Bissau, as scheduled, in an orderly and peaceful manner. They congratulated the Government and the people of Guinea-Bissau for their commendable commitment and mobilization on that occasion.

The members of the Security Council expressed their appreciation for the dedicated efforts of the National Electoral Commission in organizing these elections, and the contribution of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS) and other multilateral and bilateral partners to the process.

The members of the Council called on the political parties and leaders of Guinea-Bissau to respect the results of the elections and to resolve any related concerns through peaceful means, respecting the rule of law.

The members of the Security Council encouraged the international community to continue to support Guinea-Bissau on its path to peace and security, particularly through the implementation of the Peacebuilding Commission's integrated peacebuilding strategy.