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SECURITY COUNCIL PRESS STATEMENT ON GUINEA-BISSAU

5 March 2010 - The following Security Council press statement on Guinea-Bissau was read out today by Council President Emanuel Issoze-Ngondet (Gabon):

The members of the Security Council were briefed by Joseph Mutaboba, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Guinea-Bissau, on the situation in Guinea-Bissau. The members welcomed the progress made by the Government of Guinea-Bissau on its stabilization and reform agenda and the launching by the National Assembly of a process for reconciliation and dialogue. The members stressed the critical importance of the President, Government, political leaders, armed forces and people of Guinea-Bissau to continuing to meet their responsibilities to work towards national reconciliation, maintain stability and constitutional order, and respect the rule of law.

The members of the Security Council reaffirmed that security-sector reform remains critical to peace and development in Guinea-Bissau and expressed their support for the efforts undertaken in particular by the United Nations, African Union, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the European Union, and underlined the need for the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS), in collaboration with all relevant partners, to continue to coordinate international assistance in this area.

The members of the Security Council welcomed the continued engagement of the Peacebuilding Commission and encouraged it to assist the Government of Guinea-Bissau in mobilizing the support and resources needed to consolidate peace and security, as well as promote sustainable development in accordance with the national priorities elaborated in the Peacebuilding Strategic Framework for Guinea-Bissau.

The members of the Security Council will remain seized with the efforts to consolidate peace in Guinea-Bissau.