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Mr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas urges Burkina Faso transition stakeholders to favour the spirit of dialogue

Dakar, 13 July 2015 – The Special Representative of the Secretary General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA), Mohamed Ibn Chambas, commends the efforts and initiatives which President Michel Kafando and the 'Cadre de concertation des Sages' have been undertaking since 28th June to ensure that the transition process will not be disturbed or interrupted.

Mr. Ibn Chambas urges civil and military actors in Burkina Faso to refrain from any action that could undermine the ongoing transition, to safeguard national unity and to give priority to dialogue, as essential guarantees to maintaining a peaceful context, including for the effective organization of presidential polls scheduled on 11 October 2015.

The mobilization of all will be instrumental for the smooth conduct of the October electoral process. In that regard, the Special Representative of the Secretary General encourages President Kafando to continue his efforts, and reiterates the United Nations' commitment to supporting a peaceful transition that will allow the consolidation of democratic gains in Burkina Faso.

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