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## Final Communiqué

### **of the round table of technical and financial Partners' for the mobilisation of resources for the implementation of the Regional Action Plan of the United Nations Security Council resolutions 1325 and 1820**

As a follow up to the Dakar Forum held in September 2010, a technical and financial partners round table for the implementation of the Regional Action Plan of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 was organised in Conakry on 15 April 2011.

The round table was jointly organised by the Guinean government, the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA) and the ECOWAS Centre for Gender Development.

The opening ceremony was presided over by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Guinea, Professor Alpha Condé and the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations for West Africa, Said Djinnit. The Minister of State of Senegal in charge of gender as well as representatives of the Guinean government, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Mano River Union, the diplomatic community, United Nations entities, donors and the Civil Society Organizations, including the Network on Peace and Security for Women in the ECOWAS Region (NOPSWECO) were also present.

The objective of the round table on the regional action plan on resolutions 1325 and 1820 was to sensitise partners and launch the resource mobilisation to accelerate the implementation of the resolutions in West Africa.

The round table updated participants on the implementation of resolutions 1325 and 1820 in the 15 ECOWAS countries and in Mauritania. Out of the 16 countries, 6 have already launched their National Action Plans (Cote d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Senegal) and 3 are in the process of elaboration (Gambia, Ghana and Nigeria). The budget for the

elaboration of the remaining 6 National Action Plans is estimated at \$20,000 per country.

The Regional Action Plan is articulated around 3 objectives:

- 1) Improve women's participation in the prevention of conflicts;
- 2) Ensure effective protection of women and girls, before, during and after conflicts
- 3) Ensure equal participation of men and women in peace keeping, security and post conflict reconstruction.

The total budget of the regional action plan is estimated at \$25,000 for five years, being 5 million dollars per annum. Activities of the action plan include training of women mediators, partnership building, promotion and popularisation of the resolutions.

Through their respective contributions, the partners present reaffirmed their commitment to continue their actions in support of the implementation of the regional action plan especially to fight against gender based violence and to enable women fully play their role in the prevention, management, and resolution of conflicts in West Africa.

Several partners, such as the World Health Organisation (WHO), World Food Programme (WFP), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) joined UNWomen, UNFPA, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) by indicating the areas of the plan that would be the focus of their technical and/or financial support in line with modalities that will be defined later.

The round table will be followed by other meetings with the technical and financial partners. It furthermore recommended the strengthening of coordination of resource mobilization, management, implementation and follow-up/evaluation activities.

The 2011 edition of the Directory of institutions working in peace and security in West Africa was launched at this occasion.

The round table hailed the presence of His Excellency, Professor Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea and the members of his government at this event, an act which eloquently expressed his commitment and determination to support the implementation of the Security Council resolutions 1325 and 1820 in Guinea.

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