

Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on the situation in Burkina Faso

New York, 24 November 2014- The Secretary-General notes the appointment in Burkina Faso on 23 November of the 26-member Transitional Government and the convening of the first Cabinet meeting today. He looks forward to the appointment of members of the Transitional National Council.

The Secretary-General calls on all appointed transitional leaders to work in a collaborative and harmonious manner to ensure that the aspirations of the people of Burkina Faso are upheld. He also urges all national stakeholders to address any contentious issues through dialogue to ensure a smooth transitional period leading to the holding of elections in November 2015.

The United Nations will continue to work closely with the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and other international stakeholders in support of the transition in Burkina Faso.