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Mohamed Ibn Chambas reiterates the support of the UN to a successful conclusion of the transition in Burkina Faso

Ouagadougou, 27 August 2015 – The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA), Mr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, conducted a three-day mission to Ouagadougou from 25 to 27 August 2015, to hold consultations in the context of the ongoing electoral process in Burkina Faso.

During his visit, Mr. Chambas met with the transitional authorities, national institutions of defense and security, leaders of political parties as well as representatives of Burkina Faso civil society organizations.

Following the announcement of the decision of the Constitutional Council regarding the ineligibility for some candidates to the polls of 11 October 2015, Mr. Chambas encourages all political actors to express their positions through legal and political channels and in peaceful manner, taking into account the overall interest of the people of Burkina Faso, and in compliance with their commitments towards the Agreement of good conduct adopted on 21 August 2015.

The Special Representative of the UN Secretary General reiterates the United Nations commitment to support the electoral process based on broad popular support, a pledge of the enhancement of participatory democracy in Burkina Faso.

Mr. Chambas therefore calls on everyone to continue working toward peace and social cohesion, to allow that Burkina Faso remains a pole of stability in the West African region.

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