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Press Briefing by AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, Ms. Bineta Diop

*Addis Ababa, 15 December 2014:* The AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, Ms. Bineta Diop, has undertaken a number of Solidarity Missions over the last six months, to focus international attention on the plight of women and girls, increase international support, and strengthen the role of women in peace-building, reconciliation and recovery.

Her most recent Solidarity Mission ended last week in Nigeria, where she sought to echo the voices of the women and support them in their efforts to bring to an end the ordeal of the Chibok girls and all other forms of gender based violence. The mission was also aimed at supporting the Government’s efforts to bring back the girls abducted by Boko Haram and to galvanize the support of Civil Society Organizations that are working towards this cause. Prior to this visit, the AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security conducted Solidarity Missions to Somalia and the Central African Republic (CAR). The Peace and Security Council will hold an Open Session on Instability in Africa, Root Causes and Responses on Tuesday, 16 December 2014 after which there will be a press briefing to inform the public about the outcomes of the missions.

Journalists are invited to attend a press briefing on Tuesday, 16 December 2014, at 14h30, to be addressed by Ms. Bineta Diop, in Briefing Room 1 at the New Building Complex (TBC). During her briefing, Ms. Diop will address the following issues:

- Outcomes of the recent solidarity mission to Nigeria, as well as the previous missions to Somalia and the Central African Republic (CAR);
- Related outcomes of the Open Session of the PSC on Instability in Africa, Root Causes and Responses; and
- Recommendations and the way forward.

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