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### UN Integrated Office welcomes election of new Head of State of the Transition in the Central African Republic

**Bangui, 20 January 2014** - The UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA), welcomes the election today of Catherine Samba-Panza as the new Head of State of the Transition in the Central African Republic (CAR). BINUCA commends the strong mobilisation of members of the National Transitional Council who have shown, on this occasion, their essential role in the Transition process.

This election must mark a new beginning as the country moves towards the full restoration of democratic legitimacy, including through free, transparent, and democratic consultations.

As the new Head of State of the Transition prepares to appoint a Prime minister and a Government, the UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office urges political leaders to surpass themselves and calls on all actors to put an end to the senseless violence which is widening the rift between communities.

The Central African Republic, with the active support of all actors of the international community, has an opportunity for a new beginning. This opportunity must be seized.

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