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At meeting with Special Representative, Head of State of the Transition says recent incident in Bangui is unacceptable

Bangui, 7 February 2014 - Today, the Special Representative of the Secretary General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Office for Peacebuilding in the Central African Republic (BINUCA), General Babacar Gaye, was received in audience by the Head of State of the Transition in the Central African Republic, Mrs. Catherine Samba- Panza.

During the meeting, which took place at the Palais de la Renaissance, the Head of State of the transition said that the lynching of an alleged ex-Seleka combatant by soldiers of the national army, last Wednesday in Bangui, was unacceptable. The incident took place at the Ecole nationale d'administration et de magistrature (ENAM), after the Head of State had attended a ceremony there.

The Special Representative noted with satisfaction the determination of the Head of State of the Transition to bring the perpetrators of this act to justice as soon as possible. General Gaye also encouraged the Head of State of the Transition to prioritise justice, reconciliation and political dialogue.

In this first official meeting between the Special Representative and Head of State of the Transition, elected on January 20, Mrs. Samba-Panza reiterated the expectation that she places in the United Nations system.

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