UN Special Representative concerned about persistent insecurity in Bangui, condemns killing of member of the National Transitional Council

Bangui, 10 February, 2014 - The violence that has engulfed the city of Bangui for several weeks was this weekend punctuated by the killing of Jean-Emmanuel Ndjaroua, a member of the National Council transition (CNT), by unidentified armed persons.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA), General Babacar Gaye, condemns this unnecessary and indiscriminate violence that creates a climate of fear and encourages the emergence of acts of banditry. He urges the Central African authorities to establish a functional criminal chain to bring to justice those responsible for these crimes and thus put an end to impunity.

The Special Representative reminds armed groups that the Security Council demands that they immediately lay down their arms. It is only in a stable Central African Republic, where communities are reconciled, that everyone will find a democratic way to satisfy its legitimate claims.