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BINUCA deeply concerned over violence in Boali

Bangui, 3 December 2013: The United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA) expresses its deep concern following the dramatic incidents in Boali, 95 km from Bangui, where innocent people were killed and wounded by armed groups. These serious exactions, which left at least 12 dead and 30 wounded, including children, are the result of blind violence and communitarian stigmatization.

BINUCA is concerned over the increasingly violent environment and the related risks it entails. Therefore, BINUCA urges the transition authorities to exercise constraint and to uphold their duty to protect the population. With a view to combat the persistent impunity, BINUCA also calls on the transition authorities to bring to justice those responsible for all acts of violence and encourages the political and religious leaders to play a constructive role in the appeasement and enhancement of social cohesion in the country.

BINUCA takes this opportunity to reiterate the urgency to implement without delay the provisions included in Security Council Resolution 2121, which, among others, "demands that the Seleka elements and all other armed groups lay down their arms immediately and urges them to participate in disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes (DDR) or disarmament, demobilization, repatriation, resettlement and reintegration programmes (DDRRR)".