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Biographical Note

SECRETARY-GENERAL APPOINTS LIEUTENANT GENERAL BABACAR GAYE OF SENEGAL

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today announced the appointment of Lieutenant General Babacar Gaye of Senegal as his Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office for the Central African Republic (BINUCA), based in Bangui.

Lieutenant General Gaye succeeds Margaret Vogt of Nigeria, to whom the Secretary-General is grateful for her leadership and efforts to promote peace, security and development in the Central African Republic.

Currently serving as Assistant Secretary-General and Military Adviser for Peacekeeping Operations, Lieutenant General Gaye brings to his new position many years of diplomatic, political and military experience with the United Nations system and his national Government.

From 2005 to 2010, he served as Force Commander for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO and previously the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, or MONUC). He also participated in several peace missions, including in Lebanon and Iraq.

Lieutenant General Gaye held several leadership and staff positions in the Government of Senegal, including that of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Germany and to the United Nations Office at Vienna (2004-2005), Chief of Defence Staff (2000-2003), Commander of Military Region 6 (1997-2000), Director of Documentation and External Security (1994-1997) and Director of Information and Public Relations (1993-1994).

A graduate of the École spéciale militaire de Saint-Cyr in France, he holds several national and international decorations.

Lieutenant General Gaye is married and has two children.

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