Press Release by the Special Rapporteur on Women’s Rights in Africa, on the killing of six women in Cote d’Ivoire.

The Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (the Special Rapporteur), is deeply concerned about the human rights situation in Cote d’Ivoire, in particular about allegations of the assassination by the defence and security forces of six women who were demonstrating peacefully, on 3rd March 2011.

The Special Rapporteur firmly calls on all parties concerned to respect the right to life and the rights of women and children and, to guarantee the immediate cessation of all acts liable to violate their lives and physical integrity.

Done in Banjul, 3 March 2011

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