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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **54<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

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**Every year, during the Commission on the Status of Women session (CWS), a priority theme and an emerging issue are chosen to be considered during the CSW annual session. This year's session of the CSW will undertake a fifteen-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BDPA) and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.**

Being one of the only African NGO represented in New York at the UN and having already played an active role in the Beijing + 15 process by promoting women's role in sustaining peace and security in Africa, Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) is taking part in this 54<sup>th</sup> session of the CSW.

FAS is organising three panels in collaboration with several of its regional partners and members from the Great Lakes Region, the Mano River, and Sudan.

1. Panel 1: "Gender is my Agenda Campaign – Launch of the GIMAC Book"
2. Panel 2: "Beijing +15: An Assessment of the Challenges, Successes, and Way Forward to Sustainable Peace and Security in Africa"
3. Panel 3: "UNSCR1325: A Regional Perspective for Effective Implementation"
4. Panel 4: "Violence Against Women: Linking SCR1325 and SCR1820"

FAS' primary mission is to engender the peace process for the attainment of human security and durable peace in Africa, a critical part of the implementation of the Beijing + 15 Review. In this context, for FAS the general objective of the Beijing + 15 Review is to:

- Assess the progress made in the implementation of national programs;
- Define achievements, gaps and challenges in the process in every country;
- Provide direction where actions and initiatives within the framework are most urgent for further implementation; and
- Follow up and ensure full and effective accelerated implementations of actions.

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