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INFORMATION NOTE

Femmes Africa Solidarité and Panel of the Wise, African Union

On the 19th and 20th May 2010, the Panel of the Wise of the African Union (AU) held its eighth meeting in Kinshasa, to review the state of peace and security in Africa. The Panel of the Wise, an essential pillar of the Peace and Security Architecture of the AU, held its 8th meeting on the eve of the celebration of Africa Day, on 25 May 2010, in the context of increased efforts by the AU Commission and the Peace and Security Council (PSC) for the resolution of crises facing the Continent.

The Panel of the Wise welcomed the success of the Experts’ Workshop on the issue of Women and Children in Armed Conflict in which Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) played a key instrumental role. The event, co-organized by FAS and the International Peace Institute, was a great success on the road to pushing forward a high level reflection on women and children in armed conflicts.

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