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**REMARKS AT CEREMONY ON DONATION
OF UN HOUSE BUILDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

Malabo, 25 June 2014

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Your Excellency, Mr. Obiang Nguema Mbasogo,
President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea,
Your Excellency, Mr. Agapito Mba Mokuy, Minister of
Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Equatorial Guinea,
Excellencies,
Senior United Nations officials,
Dear colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Graciano Da Silva,
DG, UNAO
Foreign Ministers.

I am honoured to be here to inaugurate this new UN House.
I thank the Government of Equatorial Guinea for generously
donating this building.

The Government has also dedicated more than \$4 million for initiatives under the United Nations Development Assistance Framework for the period 2013 to 2017.

I understand that an additional \$10 million has also been approved for development.

I congratulate Equatorial Guinea for working to diversify its economy. Now the United Nations is eager to assist in improving social conditions. The United Nations will help Equatorial Guinea to reduce poverty and inequality and promote food security.

We will assist in ensuring universal education, achieving gender equality and empowering women. We will help advance respect for human rights. And we will work to improve health conditions, including helping more women to survive childbirth, preventing and combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, and reducing malaria and tuberculosis. We are doing all of this as part of our overall efforts to achieve sustainable development.

Guinean Dastilva, 28 Conty FM,

I appreciate the approval of Government-financed projects that will be implemented by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. I especially commend the Government for its donation of \$30 million to the FAO Solidarity Trust Fund for Africa.

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L+9 The United Nations stands ready to do more for the people of Equatorial Guinea. We are eager to move forward with the African Regional Fund against HIV/AIDS. This Fund will benefit from the expertise of UNAIDS.

**Your Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,**

**This is an important time for the United Nations –
a time of test and transition.**

**In the face of many challenges in our world,
the United Nations is dedicated to upholding and defending
human rights, promoting democracy, and enabling
all people to enjoy lives of dignity.**

**This is the founding vision of the United Nations Charter –
and it remains the core of our mission today.**

**The United Nations is resolved to stand with the people
of Equatorial Guinea as they advance to a better future.**

Thank you.

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