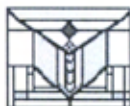
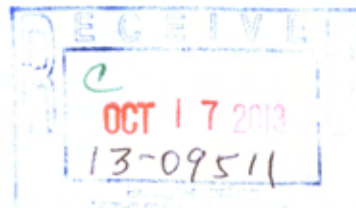


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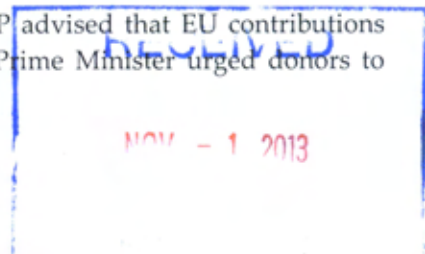
**I. THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND**

1. On 9 October, the Judiciary Police of Guinea-Bissau detained four Bissau-Guinean men suspected of trafficking cocaine. The suspects, who arrived in Bissau from São Paulo, Brazil, via Lisbon, had 2.526 kilograms of cocaine, in the form of capsules, concealed in their bodies.

2. Also on 9 October, several men armed with machetes, whips and automatic weapons stormed into four neighbourhoods in Bissau, indiscriminately targeting bystanders and breaking in private houses. No robberies were reported. Some 75 people were reportedly injured, including a PAIGC parliamentarian and a UNIOGBIS national human rights officer. According to eye witnesses, some of the attackers were wearing some type of uniform and were transported in five unmarked 4x4 vehicles. UNIOGBIS was informed that the perpetrators claimed that the action was in retaliation for the attack on the Nigerian embassy on 8 October, and that the four neighbourhoods were targeted because residents were allegedly among those who were involved. On 10 October, the Prosecutor General announced the detention of 12 individuals who were suspected of being involved in the killing of a Nigerian national during the attack at the Nigerian Embassy. At a press conference on 10 October, the Embassy accused the private "Radio Galaxia Pindjiguiti" of inciting the population to violence and that this had led to the lynching of the Nigerian citizen. The Embassy stated that the mob attack was aimed at discrediting the image of Nigeria but that the country would continue to engage with Guinea-Bissau to support the transition process.

3. On 14 October, SRSG Ramos-Horta participated in a donor's meeting called by the Transitional Prime Minister to discuss the status of funding for the electoral process. Participants included members from the Transitional Government, including the Minister of State for the Council of Ministers and the Minister of Territorial Administration, members of the government's technical electoral support office (GTape) and the National Electoral Commission (CNE), as well as the ECOWAS and AU representatives and UNDP officials. The Transitional Prime Minister announced that Timor-Leste intended to supply voter registration equipment. The ECOWAS representative informed that a contribution of USD13 million from ECOWAS Member States should be available soon. UNDP advised that EU contributions have been earmarked for civic and voter education. The Transitional Prime Minister urged donors to

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make funds immediately available so that voter registration could start. He also instructed GTAPE and CNE teams to review the electoral timelines and chronogramme as a matter of urgency.

## II. Efforts of the UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

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## III. REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

5. On 10 October, the ECOWAS Chiefs of Defence Staff from Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Senegal arrived in Bissau for a two-day visit to discuss the latest security developments in Guinea-Bissau with the transitional authorities and the military leadership. Following the meeting, General Soumaila Bakayoko of Côte d'Ivoire addressed the media on behalf of the delegation. He noted that, while in general the situation in the country was normal, the level of security had fallen since September 2013. He also noted that the delegation was concerned with recent events, in particular the attack on the Nigerian Embassy on 8 October and the lynching of a Nigerian citizen on the same day. He informed the media that the delegation would consider appropriate measures to help Guinea-Bissau. He further advised that ECOWAS Chiefs of Defence Staff wanted to contribute to improve the security environment in Guinea-Bissau ahead of the next presidential and legislative elections.

## IV. OBSERVATIONS/ANALYSIS

6. The circumstances surrounding both the violent incident of 8 October and the attacks of 9 October remain unclear. The attacks on ordinary people, allegedly perpetrated by the security forces of Guinea-Bissau, feed into the prevailing suspicion that the military is a source of fear and intimidation, as well as a violator of human rights in the country. It is important that the international community continue to advocate for the need to combat impunity in Guinea-Bissau, including through credible investigations into the latest events to bring those responsible to justice.



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