



Press Release

AFRICAN WOMEN IN SOLIDARITY WITH RAPE SURVIVORS IN GUINEA DEMAND AN END TO IMPUNITY

We, the participants of the webinar organised by WILDAF-AO on December 5, 2022, on the theme « "SOLIDARITY WITH THE WOMEN OF GUINEA: AFRICAN FEMINISTS DEMAND JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN GUINEA » ;

After listening to the interventions of the Chair of the Association of Victims and Relatives of Victims of the Events of September 28, 2009 in Guinea, Mrs Diallo Asmaou and lawyer Halimatou Camara on :

- The context of the atrocities against Guinean citizens on September 28, 2009 and the subsequent sexual violence against 109 women who were raped;
- The ongoing trial and its challenges, including the difficulties related to the recognition of the perpetrators of this mass crime, the evidence of the violence suffered by the women, in particular the difficulties in meeting the requirement for the production of medical certificates by the victims;
- The systemic impunity that characterises Guinea and most countries in the sub-region;

Welcoming the presence of Mrs **Janet Sallah Njie**, member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa, who, in her speech, expressed her solidarity with the survivors of the rapes committed in Guinea in September 2009;

Reassured by the Special Rapporteur's commitment to fight sexual violence in times of conflict, which is only an irruption of the prevailing violence against women and girls in normal times, to work towards accountability the of States, the domestication and application of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa;

1. Congratulate the survivors of sexual violence in Guinea for their courage and their struggle within **AVIPA (Association des Victimes Parents et Amis)** to obtain reparation;
2. We welcome the fact that, thanks to their actions, the violence they experienced, has been the subject of the ongoing trial in Guinea since September 28, 2009, and demand an end to impunity of violence in this country, throughout West Africa and all the continent;
3. Express our solidarity with the survivors and all Guinean women who support their struggle;
4. We pledge to show this solidarity by actively participating in a digital campaign to raise global awareness of the situation of survivors, the need for justice, and to monitor the Guinean women's rape case until justice is done;
5. Encourage the Guinean political authorities, who are accountable for the human rights of their citizens, to ensure that following the trial, a programme of reparation and support for the survivors is set up and implemented in reponse to the wishes of the members of AVIPA and the women survivor in particular.

Having been informed during the same webinar of the acts of violence against Amy Ndiaye, a Senegalese parliamentarian, perpetrated by two males parliamentarian in the middle of a session of the National Assembly, we express our indignation at such an act, which illustrates the practice of violence against women in politics, and we demand that measures be taken to avoid impunity.

The participants

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