



Excellency,

As you may be aware, the seven years following the 1998-99 military conflict in Guinea Bissau have been marked by chronic cycles of political and military instability which account to a large extent for the deepening economic crisis and slow progress in reducing poverty and building democratic governance. As a result, Guinea Bissau is now classified as a fragile state in which stability is compromised by the state inability to provide minimum social services and meet essential expenditures.

The role of the country's international partners is essential and very important to Guinea Bissau. Unfortunately, the round table conference held last November in Geneva to mobilize resources for the implementation of Guinea Bissau Poverty Reduction strategy Program, and the 2006 and 2007 budget gap filling failed to bring the required resources needed.

Since coming into office in April 2007, my government has undertaken efforts to correct weak governance practices and lay the foundation for a smooth running in the financial sector. It has namely taken bold measures aimed to improve the revenue generation/collection, as well as the control of public expenditures. However, in the recent mission conducted by the IMF officials in the country, this Institution recognize the efforts already made by the Government, but still conditions the approval of a post conflict program and the filling of the 2007 budget gap, amounting to 40 million US \$ dollars. If the international community fails to provide the required assistance, Guinea Bissau runs the risk of continuing in a downward spiral, with all the related social and political consequences that one can imagine in terms of threats to human security and peace, as well as in the whole sub-region.

Excellency I would like to request that Guinea Bissau be included on the Agenda of the Peace Building Commission. I should be grateful if you could bring this request to the attention of Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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