



**Statement by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on  
Sexual Violence in Conflict Margot Wallström**

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Two years ago, the atrocities including mass rapes perpetrated against peaceful protesters in Guinea-Conakry by security forces shocked the world. Its legacy is far from over. There remains today an urgent need to assist the survivors and bring the perpetrators to justice.

I visited Guinea to meet with survivors, representatives of victims associations, and Government officials, including from the Ministries of Justice, Foreign Affairs, Defence, and Social Affairs and the Promotion of Women and Children. We came to listen, to gain a deeper understanding of the situation, and to agree on an agenda for follow-up.

I welcome the Joint Communiqué between the Government of Guinea and the United Nations [which can be found below], clearly stating the Government's commitment to fight impunity and ultimately prevent sexual violence. The atrocities that occurred on 28 September 2009 must never be forgotten and never be repeated.

Justice in Guinea has been delayed, but it cannot be denied. We will continue to monitor the situation in Guinea-Conakry and anywhere else that sexual violence may occur.

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