



Resolution on the political crisis in Guinea

Since our declaration of 26 November 2018 from SAL (Cape Verde), we have followed the socio-political situation in the Republic of Guinea with great interest. Despite calls for sincere and inclusive dialogue, the situation has continued to deteriorate with recurrent crises and violence resulting in the loss of human life and material property damage. It places a heavy burden on the people of Guinea and is a serious threat to the democratisation process.

The holding of free, transparent and inclusive elections is an indispensable instrument for any democracy that claims to be respectable. The holding of the double ballot on 22 March 2020, before the completion of the communal electoral process begun in February 2018, combining legislative elections and referenda, under wholly unsuitable conditions as reflected by national and international opinion, was a major act of hardening of positions. The worst error was the change of some 20 articles between the controversial vote and the promulgation of the constitution. This indicates a willingness to use the People as a scapegoat in an enterprise that is both illegal and illegitimate.

After the use of such disproportionate force against opponents supporting the 2010 constitution, the presidential election should be an opportunity to reassure voters, to create the conditions for a return to calm and collaboration between stakeholders, as well as an opportunity for the outgoing President finishing his last term to support democratic principles by accepting a peaceful transfer of political power. Unfortunately, dozens of young people from civil and political society are still being detained without the necessary legal procedures, a hundred bereaved families are still awaiting the start of justice and socio-political stakeholders are still deprived of their public freedoms. More regrettably, the People of Guinea, in their long struggle for freedom and prosperity, are being called upon to face another unfinished chapter of their history.

In light of the above, and with a fundamental commitment to human and democratic values, the Centrist Democratic International (IDC-CDI) strongly condemns the unpunished and sanctioned killings and repeated violations of human rights and public freedoms.

The IDC stands in solidarity with the declarations of the European Union and calls upon Guinean authorities to stop the power-hardening machine and to cease granting political power for life, so that the burgeoning democracy can fully take root.



The IDC welcomes the different positions taken by the Party of Hope for National Development (PEDN), which are perfectly in line with its values of respect for human life, political inclusion, transparent and credible elections and the rejection of any form of constitutional tampering.

Finally, the IDC expresses its solidarity with the People of Guinea whose bravery and sense of freedom remain in our collective memory. It calls upon the government to consolidate peace, national cohesion and to strengthen the founding values of the Republic of Guinea.

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