

MONITORING COMMITTEE OF THE BANGASSOU PEACE AND RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE MONITORING COMMITTEE OF THE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT

As part of its activities to implement the recommendations of 09 April and 05 June to reestablish peace, social cohesion, cohabitation, and to aid the socio-economic recovery of the city of Bangassou as well as the prefecture Mbomou;

The Monitoring Committee organized a series of meetings with the different social strata of the 3rd arrondissement from 22 to 28 November 2018.

The specific objective of these meetings was to ask the opinion of everyone on the issue of returning displaced persons to the displaced persons site of the small seminar in Tokoyo, as well as returning the Central African refugees from Nduh who seek to go back to the city of Bangassou.

All interventions from the sages, the women, the young, the former self-defense members, the governors and the pastors of the 3rd district, and the economic operators, made it clear that the principle of returning those displaced, is accepted by all, and it would be advisable to recommend to the Government of the Central African Republic, to MINUSCA, and to the International Organization of Migration (IOM), the implementation of the accompanying measures. These will ensure the peaceful return of those displaced to their neighborhood of origin, the 3rd arrondissement of TOKYOY.

In the meantime, the Monitoring Committee will fix a day when all the displaced, the authorities, MINUSCA, and partners of the indigenous population of the 3rd district can meet to clean up the properties of those displaced to Tokoyo. Participants also wished to spread awareness in both communities of any changes in language and behavior that may create tensions. In addition, they requested the government and MINUSCA to reopen the Bangassou - Bambari road. If by the end of the month of December 2018 nothing is done the population will take responsibility to secure their own future.

Furthermore, the Monitoring Committee urges the political and administrative authorities, the judicial authorities, and the defense and security forces to ensure the safety of those returned in their original neighborhoods. This will consolidate peace, social cohesion, and cohabitation and aid in the socio-economic rise of the city of Bangassou and the Prefecture of Mbomou.

As MINUSCA is an essential partner in this process of relocation of displaced persons, the MINUSCA Bangassou office should make a plea to their humanitarian partners to come to the immediate relief of the displaced, by providing them with the necessary means to resettle with dignity. In the various interventions of the participants, the question of reopening the prison was raised, which could contribute to improving the climate of mistrust between the communities, as

well as strengthening the effectiveness of the Internal Security Forces (FSI) in maintaining order in the city and eradicating juvenile delinquency.

We hereby remind all guests that the Monitoring Committee is not an institution of the State, that it works for a limited time, and that it does not have a power of repression. To consolidate this peace, justice must do its work

without passiveness or bias when treating offenses. This will dissuade the deviants of society in their malicious behavior that could compromise the peace of the population. Each service must do its job to reassure the population, because there are complaints on the behavior of some officials who do not seek to contribute to strengthening and consolidating the peace.

Thus, the desired objective has been achieved. All that remains is the assistance of partners and the government in concrete action in the field

The deputy prefect of Bangassou

