



STATEMENT

Rome – The delegation from Central African Republic - made up of representatives from the president's office, the government, the Ministry of Communication and the Promotion of National Reconciliation, the National Authority for Elections and civil society - meeting in Rome with the Community of Sant'Egidio, in the presence of United Nations representatives at a particularly serious time in the history of the country- expresses its full support for her Excellency Catherine Samba-Panza, elected Interim President on January 20, 2014, by the National Transitional Council.

It reaffirms in front of the international community its attachment to the Republican Pact- a document that is fundamental for national reconciliation and the institutional transition of the country- that was worked out with the help of the Community of Sant'Egidio and adopted in Bangui by the country's leaders on November 7, 2013.

Furthermore it expresses its willingness to work with the country's new authorities for true reconciliation, based on the Republican Pact, an essential instrument to ensure peace in the country, and it invites the international community to support an electoral process conforming to what was established by the Constitutional Charter for the transition.

Rome, January 21, 2014