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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOLLOW UP MISSION ON CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA**

The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child will undertake a follow-up mission in the Republic of Guinea from 25 to 27 September 2019. The mission to be held in Conakry follows consideration of the Initial Report of the Republic of Guinea, and aims to ascertain on the ground the effectiveness of the measures taken by the Government and the other Stakeholders to implement the provisions of the Charter, and to assess the efforts made by the the Government in the implementation of the Concluding Observations and Recommendations made by the Committee to the State Party concerned, when considering its report in October 2014.

The Committee performs this type of mission at least 2 years after the consideration of the State Party Report. The Committee will meet stakeholders during various workshops to gather relevant information and the different partners' views on the situation of children in the country (successes, failures, challenges, perspectives ...).

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child was adopted at the 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in July 1990 and entered into force on 29 November 1999, following its ratification by 15 Member States, in accordance with its Article 47. Article 32 of this Charter established the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (CAEDBE) whose mandate is among others, to promote and protect the rights enshrined in the Charter.

Article 43, paragraph 1, of the Charter provides that every State Party to the Charter undertakes to submit to the Committee reports on the measures they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Charter and on progress realized in the exercise of the Rights of the Child. For this purpose; the Committee has received, over the past three years, reports on the implementation of the Charter from fifteen (15) States Parties which have been considered in the presence of the representatives of those States. The Republic of Guinea ratified the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child on June 27, 1999. The country submitted its Initial Report in 2013 and it was examined by the Committee on October 7, 2014, at the 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Committee in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Following the consideration of each report, the Committee adopts Concluding Observations and Recommendations transmitted to the States concerned. In its concluding observations, the Committee noted good practices and shortcomings and made recommendations for better protection and promotion of the rights of the child in the Republic of Guinea and for the proper implementation of the Charter.

The Republic of Guinea is expected to submit its Periodic Reports in January 2020, the deadline set by the Committee in its Concluding Observations and Recommendations.

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