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PRESS RELEASE

Brazzaville Hosts a National Seminar on the Culture of Peace

Brazzaville, March 22, 2008. – From March 27-28, 2008, the Parliament palace of Brazzaville will host a national seminar on the culture of peace. This seminar will follow the ones which took place, from July through November 2007, in nine departments throughout the country. These were organized by the High Commission for the Reinsertion of Ex-Combatants, within the implementation framework of the PNDDR (*Programme National de Désarmement, Démobilisation et Réinsertion*) and on the theme of: “*The culture of peace, citizenship, and national reconciliation.*”

The main aspect of the coming seminar will be a summarization of the reflections that have come out of the workshops held in Dolisie, Sibiti, Madingou, Kinkala, Djambala, Ewo, Owando, Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire.

The seminar will be chaired by the President of CONADER (*Commission Nationale de Démobilisation et de Réinsertion*), M. Firmin Ayessa, Minister of State and the *Directeur du Cabinet* of the office of the President. The national seminar will bring together 140 Brazzaville delegates and 65 delegates coming from other Departments in the Congo. Their exchanges will be primarily focused around the following points:

- The kinds of conflicts in Congo (Results of the participatory researches organized by the Council of development NGO cooperation);
- The psycho-social aspects of conflict;
- The measures for evaluating the pacification of a State: the peace indicators;
- The place, the role, and the responsibility of citizens in the prevention of conflicts.

Financed by an international multi-donor trust fund (the World Bank, the European Commission, Germany, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom, and Sweden) through the framework of the Multi-Country Demobilization and Reintegration Program, the PNDDR has five components, one of which centers on the prevention and resolution on conflicts.

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