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**CAPACITY BUILDING CONFERENCE / WORKSHOP FOR CHRISTIAN
AND MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADERS ON CONFLICT PREVENTION
AND PEACE BUILDING AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR DEVELOPMENT**

BANGUI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
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On the invitation of the Réseau Foi, Culture et Education (RFCE), and with the multi-faceted support of the Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA), a Conference / Workshop on capacity building for Christian and Muslim religious leaders for conflict prevention and Peace Building as a prerequisite for development, was held in Bangui from 25th to 26th July 2013.

More than 30 participants selected equally between the three religious groups (Catholic, Protestant and Muslim) took part in the conference / workshop.

Considering the change of the political regime which occurred on 24th March 2013;

Considering that one of the consequences of this change resulted in insecurity throughout the country;

Considering also that the Central African Republic is under real threat of interreligious conflict that threatens the Central African society;

Considering the need to prevent conflict and restore peace as a prerequisite for development;

Considering the important role of the leaders of the three (3) faiths (Catholic, Protestant and Muslim) to work for peace in the Central African Republic and peaceful co-existence between Christians and Muslims.

Participants committed:

- ✓ to work together and contribute to the education and training of the faithful of the three (3) faith for conflict prevention and peacebuilding;
- ✓ to face any initiative that would be to undermine the peaceful coexistence between the three (3) religious groups;
- ✓ to further promote the momentum of peaceful coexistence and mutual understanding that characterizes our religious communities in the Central African Republic;

- ✓ to oppose any form of manipulation of religious confessions for political purposes;
- ✓ to denounce their prophetic role in all forms of abuse and injustice aimed at undermining the dignity of the human person;

Participants call the Central African political and administrative authorities to:

- Disarm and repatriate foreign combatants and mercenaries their countries of origin;
- Reorganize and deploy defence and security forces;
- Preserve the republican principle of the Central African Republic being a secular state and to end all forms of discrimination and violence.

**Done in Bangui, July 26, 2013
Participants**

