

Resolution on the social and political crisis in the Republic of Guinea

The return of the democratic process in the Republic of Guinea has raised much hope both inside the country and abroad. Since 2010, the Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) has been observing the evolution of this process attentively as it has been marked by political crises, demonstrations and different forms of violence. In order to find a political solution for these different conflicts, no less than four agreements were signed, however without satisfactory implementation by the different political parties and civil society.

As a result, many demonstrations have taken place, resulting in wounded persons both on the part of the protesters and the security forces. Since 2011, many demonstrators have lost their lives in incidents involving fire. On several occasions, the authorities have prohibited peaceful marches in order to keep parties separated.

As to institutional governance, the republican institutions remain deficient, particularly the Supreme Court of Justice, for which the President of the Republic, members of the government and other ranking government officials are culpable. Similarly, many institutions, riddled by internal conflicts, are not adequately fulfilling their duties. Again, elements of the executive power are implicated in this. The recent dismissal of the President of the Constitutional Court is a telling example. This situation opens the door to any type of action, such as changing the Constitution with the aim of indefinitely extending the presidential mandate which is currently limited to two years.

In view of this crisis of institutional instability, CDI-IDC :

- Expresses its deep concern about the consolidation of the democratic process in the Republic of Guinea ;
- Expresses its complete solidarity with the people of Guinea celebrating 60 years of independence ;
- Strongly condemns all instances of violence under which the citizens of Guinea have repeatedly suffered, including the loss of life and material goods.

In order to raise hope and the social-economic well-being of the Guinean people, CDI-IDC invites :

1. The Guinean government to :
 - Strictly abide by the law and immediately cease all forms of state violence ;
 - Create the conditions necessary for the organization of legislative elections in 2019 and presidential elections in 2020 in accordance with constitutional requirements. This includes, among other things, updating the electoral census, the reorganization of the Electoral Commission (CENI) in conformance with the amended electoral laws and the strict neutrality of the administration in the electoral process ;
 - Promote a socio-political dialogue and collaboration for the resolution of conflicts, the improvement of living-conditions of the citizenry, real actions against corruption and good governance ;
2. To the majority political actors and the opposition to :
 - Respect republican laws in the quest for power ;
 - Maintain a discourse based on the political ideology and the social program of the parties ;
 - Promote the political education of militants in order to make them better understand the importance of the unity of the nation as the only objective worth striving for.