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The President of the Republic

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Dear Executive Secretary,

It is a special pleasure for me to acknowledge receipt of the letter of 21 August 2014 by way of which you invite me to attend the high level meeting to strengthen political action and commitment concerning the democratic dividend with member states in sub-Saharan Africa and in other countries, international NGOs and other key stakeholders on 22 September 2014 in New York. I am grateful to you for it.

In return, I would like to reiterate my total commitment and my country's firm desire to support all initiatives aimed at developing our West African sub-region, and beyond it, the entire continent of Africa.

However, due to scheduling imperatives related to the celebration of Independence Day in Mali, I regret that I am unable to reply favourably to your invitation. However, I eagerly await the conclusions of your deliberations, which will be used wisely.

*Finally, in welcoming the inestimable efforts that you constantly make to promote our organization, I ask that you accept, **Executive Secretary**, my warmest regards.*

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