High-Level Event
International Campaign to Ban Female Genital Mutilation worldwide
at the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly
23 September 2010, 6:00 pm
Helmsley Hotel, 3rd Floor, 212 East 42nd Street, New York

5h30 pm  Registration of participants

6h00 pm  Welcome by

Mariam Lamizana, President of the Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children
Alvilda Jablonko, FGM Coordinator, No Peace Without Justice
Khady Koita, President of La Palabré, member of EuroNet-FGM

Remarks by

Emma Bonino, Vice President of the Italian Senate, founder of No Peace Without Justice
Rachel Mayanja, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women
Carol Bellamy, Chair of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Board of Governors, former Executive Director of UNICEF
Louise Arbour, President of the International Crisis Group, former High Commissioner for Human Rights
Franco Frattini, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Guest of Honor

H.E. Chantal Compaoré, First Lady of Burkina Faso and Good-Will Ambassador of Inter-African Committee

7h00 pm  Launch of the International Appeal www.banfgm.org

7h15 pm  Why support a UN Ban on FGM, with

Memouna Baboni, Adviser to the President of the Republic, Benin
Natogoma Soro Coulibaly, Ministry of Women’s Affairs, Cote d’Ivoire
Safia Djibril Elmi, Member of Parliament, Djibouti
Ndeye Soukeye Gueye, Ministry of Women’s Affairs, Senegal
Rahim Kamara, President Manifesto 99, Sierra Leone
Yao Kpogo, Ministry of Women’s Affairs, Togo

8h15 pm  Musical Performance

Masters of Ceremony:  Dr Morissanda Kouyaté, Director of Operations, IAC-CIAF
                      Dr Niccolò Figá-Talamanca, Secretary General, NPWJ

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Consecutive Interpretation in English and French
Light refreshments served in the course of the evening