



Statement by the ICC Prosecutor on the Situation in Guinea

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As part of its ongoing preliminary examination, my Office has been closely following developments in the situation in Guinea and in particular, the risk of possible violence. My Office has taken note of the clashes that occurred on 11 and 12 September 2010 in Conakry, which left one person dead and another fifty injured. I wish to reiterate that electoral violence is liable to fall within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court when it results in the commission of crimes envisaged by the Rome Statute. In this vein, I requested authorisation to investigate crimes against humanity within the ICC's jurisdiction committed during the post-electoral violence in Kenya in 2007-2008 and, on 31 March 2010, that authorisation was granted. All of the key figures in Guinea need to show the necessary restraint to avert a similar scenario there.