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| | | | listening clubs, and students. Participants: 720 | |
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| Open discussions for students | 2, 5, 9 and 12 September 2008 | Kinshasa | At the start of the second term, we began offering regular open discussion sessions with groups of students. Many of them come to receive information about current issues. A large number come for research purposes and ask questions about the proceedings. Participants: 87 students | |
| Information sessions for human rights activists in faith communities | 23, 24 and 27 September 2008 | Kinshasa | Almost 300 people from a network of Christian human rights activists were provided with information about the Court. This comes in the wake of our initial meetings with church representatives. Participants: 296 | |
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