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AFRICA/SENEGAL - "Justice and Peace," asks an effort for a second round of peaceful elections and without fraud

Dakar (Agenzia Fides) - The Episcopal Commission "Justice and Peace" has launched an appeal for the second round of Senegalese presidential elections to take place peacefully. On March 25, voters will be asked to choose the President between the two candidates who were first in the first round held on 26 February: the outgoing President, Abdoulaye Wade, and his former Prime Minister Macky Sall.
Justice and Peace is committed to maintaining contacts with citizens through social networks and personal contacts, visits "door to door", not to make electoral propaganda, but to encourage everyone to request a ballot without violence and without fraud.
"The problem is to ensure that there is no electoral fraud, this is why the appeal of Justice and Peace is so important," a local Church source explains to Fides. "Justice and Peace assured about one third of the first round of the election observers (see Fides 23/02/2012), who received the praise of all."
Regarding the results of the first round, our source says: "The electorate has sent a strong message to the entire country, primarily to those who wanted to boycott the elections. And then it asked for a clear generational change, not only to the President of the Republic but also to the leaders of the Socialist opposition".
"The voters have chosen one of Wade's sons to send him home, confirming the impression held by the Liberal out-going President in 2000. This is therefore a vote of generations: the electorate has taken note that Wade is 85 years old and must go home, but without denying his policy", concludes our source. (L.M.) (Agenzia Fides 13/3/2012)

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