



## **AFRICA/CENTRAL AFRICA- The "Republican Pact" signed in Bangui, drawn up in Rome in September**

Bangui ( Agenzia Fides) - The "Republican Pact" was signed yesterday, November 7, in Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic by the President of the Republic, Michel Djotodia, the Prime Minister, Nicolas Ntiangaye, and by the president of the National Transitional Council, Alexandre- Ferdinand Nguendet. The document was drawn up in Rome, at the headquarters of Sant'Egidio Community during peace talks for Central Africa which took place on 6 and 7 September, involving representatives of the government in Bangui, the National Transitional Council of civil society and religious denominations.

According to a note sent to Fides Agency, the "Republican Pact" "aims at engaging the living forces of the nation in defense of the democratic framework and human rights and in promoting the values of the Republic for a governance of peace and progress for the whole country, also preparing a series of permanent mechanisms for the prevention and management of conflicts".

The agreement includes the following points: the need to provide security to citizens through the disarmament of militias and the return to normal activities of the State; the need to ensure the return of refugees, internal and external, to their homes and to help their reintegration; the rejection of violence as a means to access power; the choice for collaboration and constructive dialogue between the political parties and the refusal of conflict; the need to strengthen institutions and work during the current period of political transition in order to prepare the Country and its facilities to a representative democracy, to ensure the freedom of all citizens; the fight against corruption and the protection of public and private property; the need for action for the common good in favor of the people of Central Africa, which is the main national resource; the request to Sant'Egidio Community to continue its work to promote peace and dialogue in Central Africa. (L.M.) (Agenzia Fides 08/11/2013)