Guinea: Composition of a Commission of Inquiry

Allegations against Guinean military included a significant number of rapes of women attending the pro-democracy demonstration in the stadium at Conakry. The skills and experience of the members of the Commission of Inquiry established by the Secretary-General seemed to recognise the importance of the gender dimension.

The members of the COI were:
- Mohammed Bedjaoui, an Algerian diplomat and jurist. Among other functions, he has served as minister for foreign affairs and as Algeria’s ambassador to France and to the United Nations. He has also served as judge and president of the International Court of Justice and as president of Algeria’s highest judicial authority, the Constitutional Council.
- Françoise Ngendahayo Kay-iramirwa is a former minister of national solidarity, human rights and gender and former minister for repatriation and reintegration of IDPs, in Burundi. She has also served with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda as adviser on gender issues and assistance to victims.
- Pramila Patten, who is a barrister-at-law in Mauritius, is a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. She is the author of several publications on violence against women and on the rights of the child.