

**Commitments for the prevention of conflicts between farmers and breeders  
in the Tominian circle of the Ségou region**

**December 2018**

## **Preamble**

We, representatives of the farmers and breeders of the 12 communes of the Tominian circle of the Ségou region, in central Mali, hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

Aware that the sharing of natural resources, through water points, roads, and pasture areas, has always been a source of tension between our Bwa (bobo), Dafing, Dogon and Peulh communities;

Aware that these tensions are likely to be exacerbated by the circulation of weapons and the repercussions of intercommunal conflicts, which destabilize the circles of Bankass, Djenne, and Macina, where the Peulh breeder traditionally reside, and who now flee the abuses of which they are victims;

Aware that a conflict would lead to an escalation of violence in the current context of instability in central Mali;

Aware of the existence of a deep circle of trust between breeders and farmers, against a background of growth in the human and animal population which increases the risk of conflicts over access to natural resources;

Aware of the urgency of unified action towards social cohesion before the next rainy season;

Met on December 18 and 19, 2018 in Tominian as part of the mediation undertaken by the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) on the mandate of the Government of Mali, and we commit to implementing the following commitments:

### **Article 1: general commitments of the parties**

The Parties hereby commit to preventing the occurrence of a conflict between them through concerted management of natural resources, and to work towards social cohesion.

### **Article 2: specific commitments of the parties**

In order to prevent the occurrence of conflicts, the Parties commit to:

- Favoring dialogue and mediation in the event of disputes between them;
- Breaking the cycle of retaliation when a field is damaged or a pastoral area is used for other purposes;
- Working to reconcile customary law relating to land and laws on pastoralism and land ownership, ensuring their application;
- Supporting all conflict prevention initiatives, provided that these are inclusive and respectful to the traditional values of the communities;
- Registering and announcing the new breeders arriving in the circle to facilitate their arrival and to prevent tensions

In addition, we, farmers' representatives, commit to:

- Respecting the transhumance routes;
- Better protecting crops during the passage of animals;

In addition, we, breeders' representatives, commit to:

- Respecting the fields and using existing routes and grazing areas;

- Not allowing grazing at night;
- Respecting the transhumance schedules and inform the farmers of the beginning and end of transhumance journeys through the village chiefs;
- Taking the necessary measures to properly supervise the animals when traveling;
- Fairly compensating injured farmers
- Declaring to the authorities all firearms at our disposal;

**Article 3: commitments of the authorities**

- Take the necessary measures to combat the proliferation of weapons;
- Be proactive in restoring the authority of the State;
- Work to secure rural land (agricultural land, transhumance routes, grazing areas, etc.) of Tominian for the benefit of farmers and breeders, so as to achieve agro-pastoral development;
- Facilitate once a year a meeting between farmers and breeders of the Tominian circle in aid of conflict prevention;
- Make every effort to guarantee the impartiality of justice;
- Support the implementation of these commitments

**Article 4: commitments of religious parties**

Religious parties commit to becoming more involved in preventing and resolving tensions.

**Article 5: monitoring of commitments**

The Parties commit to considering the creation of a monitoring committee composed of 18 members to ensure compliance with these commitments and to serve as a mediator in the event of any violations.

**Done at Tominian, December 19, 2018**

**Signatory parties:**

The mayor of Tominian - Boba Abeneko DACKOUCO

The mayor of Yasso - Cleophas KONE

For the breeders of Tominian - Mamadou SIDIBE

For the farmers of Tominian - Gnansian DIARRA

For the breeders of Yasso - Egoudou SIDIBE

For the farmers of Yasso - Arebe Sangaré (village chief of Kibi)

For the mayor of Mandiakuy - Moise DEMBELE

The mayor of Sanekuy - Mazankuy DEMBELE

For the breeders of Mandiakuy - Sayé SIDIBE

For the farmers of Mandiakuy - Samou Hervé DACKOOU

For the breeders of Sanekuy - Mamadou SIDIBE

For the farmers of Sanekuy - Babab Enok TRAORE

The mayor of Benena - Ignace KONE

The mayor of Mafouné - Niankan DABOU

For the breeders of Benena - Ousmane SIDIBE

For the farmers of Benena - Moise Koné (village chief of Bachirikuy)

For the breeders of Mafouné - Hansan SIDIBE

For the farmers of Mafouné - Issa DIONI

The mayor of Timissa - Sidiki ARAMA

The mayor of Fangasso - Batri DENA

For the breeders of Timissa - Boukary DIAKITE

For the farmers of Timissa - Toulema Moussa (village chief of Tondaga)

For the breeders of Fangasso - Yaya SIDIBE

For the farmers of Fangasso - Baba D. KAMATE

For the mayor of Ouan - Tieré Elie KONE

The mayor of Diora - Abdoulaye DAOU

For the breeders of Ouan - Aly DIALLO (Doungel)

For the farmers of Ouan - Tomy KAMATE

For the breeders of Diora - Chyta SIDIBE

For the farmers of Diora - Philippe DAKOOU

The mayor of Koula - Remy COULIBALY

The mayor of Lanfiala - Baba KAMATE

For the breeders of Koula - Amadou SAGARÉ

For the farmers of Koula - Jacques Coulibaly

For the breeders of Lanfiala - Amadou BARRY

For the farmers of Lanfiala - Djoumbé GUNDO

The prefect of the Tominian circle - Zoumana Norbert DEMBELE