

## Joint statement

A delegation from the State of Senegal and a delegation from the Provisional Committee of the Unified Political and Combatant Wings of the Movement of the Democratic Forces of Casamance (MFDC) met in Praia, Cabo Verde, on April 8 and 9, 2021, in the presence of representatives from the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) who served as the facilitator.

They adopted a Joint Declaration on the following axes to guide negotiations between the Parties:

1. Solemn proclamation of the willingness of the two Parties (State of Senegal and the Provisional Committee) to resolve the conflict in Casamance through dialogue;
2. Full confidentiality on negotiations, apart from general communiqués decided upon by mutual agreement;
3. Establishment of mutual trust through respect and courtesy, without any aggressive language during exchanges, negotiations and other forms of contact between the two Parties;
4. Work to promote constructive behaviour, avoiding any criminal action on the ground that could generate tension.

Praia, April 09, 2021.