# SUMMARY OF IDEAS FROM CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER THAN OUR OWN PARTICIPANTS): Caritas, La Balle aux Prisonniers (LABAP) and Ivorian Human Rights Movement (MIDH)

It should be noted that all the wounds and situations experienced by our country are related to politics and the taking of state power.

#### 1/ ANCIENT WOUNDS OLD WOUNDS RECENT WOUNDS

The massacre of the Guébié people with the death		
of Kragbé Gnagbé in 1970.	The massacre of Duékoué	The presidential election of 2000 which led to the massacre of Yopougon September 19, 2002: birth of an armed rebellion in central, northern and
The revolt of the Sanwi people from 1959 to 1970	The student crisis with the Thiery Zébier case	western Cote d'Ivoire
The death of former Chief Justice Ernest Boka in 1964 disguised as suicide	Punitive police raid on	Presidential election of 2010 followed by the real military-political crisis
	The political crisis of 1990 with the birth of the	
	FESCI	
	The active boycott of the Republican fund in 1995	
	The military coup of 1999	

Pain felt in these events and situations

#### The communities involved

## 2/ Events or situations experienced by our people

The rebellion in the Sanwi region in 1959	More than 4 000 dead	
		The Sanwi people
The Gnagbé KRAGBE affair	More than 6 000 dead	The Guébié people
Death of Ernest Boka	Loss of the political leader of the Agneby region	The Abbey people
The mass grave of Yopougon	57 dead	People from the north
The post presidential election crisis of 2010	More than 3 000 dead	Côte d'Ivoire as a whole

### 3/ SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ATTITUDES THAT HAVE CAUSED OR STILL CAUSE WOUNDS

DISCRIMINATED, MARGINALISED AND HUMILIATED GROUPS

Denial of democracy Opposition parties

Land conflicts People of the South and South-West

The exclusion of certain citizens or people in high

positions in the administration Senior officials in the opposition

Ongoing violation of the Constitution State power

The promotion of former rebels in the army and ethnic catch-up

FESCI crimes

The Northerners are treated as foreigners and are victims of xenophobia and humiliating police checks

Les militants des parties de l'opposition

Les étudiants opposants

The Northerners

### VISIBLE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

#### 4/ WAYS IN WHICH THESE WOUNDS ARE COLLECTIVE WOUNDS IN OUR COUNTRY THAT AFFECT US

IN WHAT WAY

Ghetto identity Frustrations RDR born of frustration with PDCI

Distrust

Resentment **Bitterness** 

Violence

Anger

Rebellion

Corruption in public service recruitment procedures

La frustration

La perte des biens

Mass displacement of populations

Unemployment

FPI born out of the ashes of the Sanwi crisis, of mort, of Ernest Boka and Kragbé Gnagbé

Very high unemployment levels

Hatred and humiliation born of the rebellion is exploited by politicians,

and thus yesterday's victims will become today's perpetrators: not

reassuring

Poverty, high cost of living

#### 5/ AREAS OF SILENCE IN THE FIELD OF JUSTICE:

Corruption of judicial system

Release of authors of serious crimes

#### **REASONS FOR THIS SILENCE**

Subjective nature of law

#### AT SOCIAL LEVEL

Exercise of power, drugs, homosexuality

Risk of being marginalised

#### AT POLITICAL LEVEL

Land issues Exercise of power Promotion of northern officials Imprisonment, death Imprisonment, death

#### 6/ THE OTHER IN OUR CONTEXT

Someone from a different region,

religion, political party than our own

A different country

We are civil society, they are political parties **In the past,** them = the Christian southerners And us = the Muslim northerners Now, it's the opposite.

#### 7/ STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO HEAL CERTAIN DEEP WOUNDS

Transitional justice or a true truth and reconciliation dialogue commission must be put in place.

Compensate the victims or families of the various crises Establish a National Day of Forgiveness and Remembrance

#### Who is US?

Us the Muslims and them the Christians Us the Southerners and them the northerners

Us the nationals and them the foreigners

Who is THEM?

The other political leaders

The foreigners

OUR DREAM FOR OUR COUNTRY AND **OUR PEOPLE** 

**OUR CONTRIBUTION TO** REALISING THAT DREAM Valuing the culture of inter-ethnic alliances

Encourage or initiate meetings between leaders of communities in conflict

Our dream is the nation state, a state under the rule of law where competence and democracy are valued

Co-existence

One of the steps to take is to increase the number of humorous programmes that expose our society's wounds

A few photos taken during our conversations



Photo 1: Patrick Yeo discussing with a civil society activist



Photo 1: Yves N'guettia with Clément, from Caritas



Photo 2: Civil society activists deep in reflection