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The First Lady of the Republic of Chad Participates in MINURCAT's Workshop on Gender-Based Violence

N'Djamena, 7 October 2008 – The First Lady of the Republic of Chad, Mrs. Hinda Deby Itno, took part on 6 October 2008 in the opening ceremony of a three-day workshop organized by the United Nations Mission in Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) with a focus on gender-based violence as experienced by refugees and Internally displaced persons (IDPs) in eastern Chad.

Several personalities attended the workshop, including Government members, representatives of international organizations, members of the diplomatic corps, Heads of agencies, and a significant number of representatives of the civil society.

During the ceremony, Mr. Victor Angelo, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations in Chad and the Central African Republic, acknowledged the seriousness of the humanitarian situation in eastern Chad, where MINURCAT's mandate is to protect refugees and IDPs.

The Head of the Mission also took the opportunity to officially launch a campaign at grassroots level, focusing on the rights of women and girls.

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