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SHIPWRECKS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Statement No 2 by MADE AFRICA

After the painful events of ships capsizing in April with more than 800 persons disappearing, here is another vessel sinking on the Libyan coast with over 700 people on board. Already 200 people are reported missing, according to initial information received from different sources.

This sad event happened in the night of Wednesday 5th to Thursday 6th of August 2015. The migrants had called for help when their fishing boat leaving from Libya with 600 to 700 people on board began to sink, 15 miles north of the Libyan city of Zouara. According to the latest information received, an Irish navy vessel recovered almost all of the survivors and 25 bodies, all they could recover after the tragedy of that Wednesday, August 5, 2015. Yes, another tragedy!

To this day, Friday, August 7, 2015, i.e. three days later, no voice of an African authority was heard to express solidarity in this tragedy, and propose solutions for such casualties to be ended once and for all. Therefore MADE AFRICA, with all its sub-regional member platforms and focal points, wishes to:

- ✓ First honor the memory of the dead and other victims,
- ✓ Then, condemn the complicit silence of African authorities,
- ✓ Finally, make once again, a call for urgently holding an African-African International Conference with all stakeholders in order to find African solutions to this phenomenon.
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Our Sub-regional MADE –AFRICA platform, intends to partner with all other international networks in Africa, Europe and across the world for greater synergy in the management of migration issues, which has become more than a priority in the new post-2015 development agenda so that migrants' rights are better upheld and protected.

Signed by MADE AFRICA/Caritas Senegal/ Done in Dakar, August 7, 2015/

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