Grand Bassam Appeal for Peace by the Women Geoscientists
African Association of Women in Geosciences

➢ Considering that Geosciences are interested in the knowledge and the sustainable management of natural resources and hazards;
➢ Considering that the geological resources in Africa are supposed to be a source of wealth for the African people, but are however, a source of different conflicts;
➢ Considering that instead of our limited number on the continent, women geoscientists are participating through education and scientific research to the socio-economic development of their nations;
➢ Considering that geoscientists have the potential to assist African governments in implementing major projects for sustainable development;
➢ Considering that there is no sustainable development without peace;

We, the participants to the 5th conference of the African Association of Women in Geosciences “AAWG” which was organised from the 11th to the 17th April 2010 at Grand Bassam under the theme « Women and Geosciences for Peace » unanimously:

• Encourage African women to be more involved in Geosciences;
• Agreed on the necessity of a sustainable peace on the continent in general and in Cote d’Ivoire in particular;
• Call the Cote d’Ivoire people and the other African countries to work through their activities and mediation, for the re-establishment of an urgent peace and harmony in a united Côte d’Ivoire, for a rapid socio-economic development.