

**FAI officials received in audience by the Head of the Africa Department and Regional Divisions at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

**Berlin (18.01.2011) - As part of its lobbying activities with key German decision-makers, the Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) and Professor FRIDRICH, Director of the FAI Board of Directors, were received at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Auswärtiges Amt) where they exchanged views with the highest ranking personalities in charge of African countries, including the Head of the Africa Department, Walter LINDNER.**

As part of their lobbying activities, the two leaders of the AMAN-International Foundation were welcomed by the resource authorities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany.

President AMANI expressed her willingness to intensify the cooperation of her organization with Germany with not only moral but also financial support from the German authorities.

Walter LINDNER praised the work of the AMAN-International Foundation and its efforts. He assured that the German authorities were willing to establish stronger partnership relations with public and private institutions as well as particularly with civil society organizations strongly committed in Africa such as the AMAN-International Foundation.

This interview - taking place right in the middle of the socio-political and post-electoral crisis in Côte d'Ivoire - was also an opportunity to address the issue of solutions for ending the crisis.

On this issue, the President of FAI underlined that the concerns of her organization were to commit itself - as usual - to the defense of the rights and fate of the populations, far from being involved in political issues, she said. The FAI needs more than ever intense assistance in all the social and health and security fields to help the populations in distress.

The German diplomat congratulated and thanked FAI officials for their commitment to the people and their contribution to the return of peace in Côte d'Ivoire and reassured them of the commitment of his department and the German government to help Côte d'Ivoire overcome this impasse, hence the various trips he himself has made to Côte d'Ivoire during the period in order to seek solutions with the Ivorians themselves.

Alongside Ambassador LINDNER, the Head of Division for East Africa, Sudan and the Horn of Africa, Dr. Dietrich POHL, attended these exchanges. Apart from that, regular exchanges take place with the Head of the West and Central Africa Division, Peter FAHRENHOLTZ.