

**PRESS RELEASE N°002 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
IMMIGRATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT RELATED TO
DRAMA OF SAINT LOUIS IN SENEGAL**

It is with deep sadness and indignation that we learned of the tragedy linked to risky and illegal immigration which has bereaved several families in Senegal, Saint Louis. A makeshift canoe coming from Joal-Fadiouth (south-east of Dakar) had more than 300 migrants on board, which capsized off the coast of Saint Louis (264 km north of Dakar near the border with Mauritania) on Wednesday February 28, 2024. This tragedy cost the lives of more than 24 people and 21 individuals are currently hospitalized due to injuries.

We are deeply saddened by this tragic shipwreck and we express our most sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims, as well as to the entire community affected by this horrific event. We understand that these times are extremely difficult and painful, and we offer our support and solidarity during this period of mourning. The shipwreck is a poignant reminder of the challenges faced by migrants who risk their lives in the hope of finding a better situation. It also reminds us of the importance of working together to end these tragedies and to find lasting solutions to the migration issue.

CIIEE International urges the Senegalese authorities and the international community to intensify their efforts to prevent such tragedies in the future. Increasing regional and international cooperation is essential to strengthening the security of sea routes, combat human trafficking networks and improve the living conditions of vulnerable populations. As an organization committed to the protection of migrants, we remain committed to supporting initiatives aimed at guaranteeing their protection and promoting fair and human rights-respecting migration policies

CIIEE International wishes a speedy recovery to the injured and thanks the Senegalese authorities for their diligence and care of the survivors.

Done in Lomé on February 29, 2024

For CIIEE International,

The President,



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