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His Eminence Ignace Bessi Card. DOGBO (Archbishop of Abidjan - Ivory Coast)-  
His Eminence Jean-Paul Card. VESCO (Archbishop of Algiers - Algeria)

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SECAM  
TO THE NEW AFRICAN CARDINALS**

Your Eminences,

We experienced a moment of great joy when, during the Angelus Prayer, the Holy Father named you on the list of those who will be made Cardinals on 8 December 2024.

On behalf of the Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops who are members of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM), I offer you my sincere congratulations on the elevation of each of you to the dignity of Cardinal, and wish you a fruitful ministry and full success in your mission to serve the Universal Church and the people of Africa.

Your elevation to the rank of Cardinal is a source of pride for Africa, and with this message we wish to express our deep gratitude to the Holy Father for his solicitude towards the Catholic Church on the African Continent.

We pray to the Lord, invoking the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Queen of Africa, so that he may send you his Spirit, making you tireless witnesses of the Risen Christ and bearers of messages of hope, peace and brotherhood in our Continent which is faced with the horrors of war and poverty.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,



+Fridolin, Cardinal AMBONGO,  
Archbishop of Kinshasa  
President of SECAM