

SPEECH BY THE FIRST LADY  
DONATION OF AN ENGLISH BUS  
**Monday, February 12, 2018**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I am pleased to be here with you today for the **donation of a british bus, offered by the Smallburgh village in England, to the Children of Africa Foundation.**

I would first of all like to acknowledge the presence of **Mrs Harriet BALDWIN, British Minister of State for Africa.** I am honoured by her presence and welcome her in Côte d'Ivoire.

I also extend my greetings to **Mrs Joséphine GAULD, British Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire** who made this donation possible.

I also welcome the wonderful initiative of **our young sister Eunice KOKRASSET,** and express my appreciation to the members of her family representing her to this ceremony.

This young Ivorian lady living in England has initiated **this cultural exchange project called « Smallburgh to Abidjan »,** which enabled to mobilize the necessary resources for this bus donation to the Children of Africa Foundation.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Today's ceremony is particularly important to me as it directly affects the education of our children. Indeed, **the bus we receive today will bring to 9 the total number of bookmobiles of the Children of Africa Foundation.** I am particularly pleased that **this typical English bus** will certainly be a beautiful attraction for our young and older readers across the country.

As you probably know, the Children of Africa Foundation's bookmobiles are equipped with thousands of books **for children and young people; equipped with computers connected to the internet** to introduce our children to computers and **a screen** for film and documentary screenings. All these activities bring joy to our children whenever the bookmobile is parked in schools or public places. The one we receive today, **will have the singularity of being also a library to initiate our youth to the English language.** Thank you for all the books we received this morning.

To this end, I would like to thank once more Mrs **Harriet BALDWIN**, and through her, the British Government, for supporting our foundation and its activities. I know our children will enjoy and profit from this new and original bookmobile.

**Thank you.**