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Editorial

Amid the diplomatic initiatives aimed at finding a peaceful solution to the current political impasse, the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) pursues the implementation of its mandate. This mandate is based on three main elements: contributing to the protection of the population; ensuring the security of the government appointed by Alassane Ouattara and, finally, safeguarding the results of the 28 November 2010 election, certified on 3 December 2010.

This work is carried out at the civilian, military, humanitarian and logistical levels. It is worthwhile to make it known away from the noise and fury of the post-election crisis. That is the rationale behind the creation of "ONUCI HEBDO", which encapsulates the efforts, obstacles, expectations and successes of the thousands of men and women who have come from all horizons to place themselves at the service of the restoration of peace and stability in this beautiful country.

Every week you will read about what the mission does on its patrols in high-risk zones such as Abobo in order to at least reduce the cases of massive human rights violations, if not definitively end them. You will be informed of activities aimed at building the population's awareness of the imperious need for national reconciliation, an unavoidable element in the restoration of peace.

Some pages will also reflect the regular consultations which the mission's leadership has with national and international actors who remain at Côte d'Ivoire's bedside and want to help the country to emerge from the current crisis without too much damage to its people, its territorial integrity and its future. Other pages will include instant snapshots of everyday life, in which all human beings are torn between their intelligence and their instincts, between passion and reason. They will depict the titanic struggle between what is best and worst in us.

There is no doubt that, at the end of the road, reason and intelligence will prevail.

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1 *UNOCI in action*



The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, pursues his diplomatic and political contacts for the resolution of the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire. To this end, the head of UNOCI met President Alassane Ouattara on 14 February 2011.

The main information emerging from this meeting includes the following:

- discussions focused essentially on the current situation and the means to resolve it;
- “the election result must be clear, in accordance with the certification mandate, which is one of the elements of UNOCI’s mandate”;
- “If we do not protect the Golf Hotel, President Ouattara’s government could be obliged to move to Bouaké, which would mean that the country is divided in two and could perhaps lead to civil war,”
- “We are with the Ivorian people and we shall never be against them”.

2 *UNOCI and the press*

The spokesman of the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), Hamadoun Touré, held UNOCI's weekly press conference at the mission's headquarters in Sebroko on Thursday 17 February 2011. He spoke on the post-election situation and, in particular, on the activities of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, who continues to share with all partners the three key elements of his mandate. In the following excerpt, Mr. Touré speaks of the reinforcement of UNOCI's peacekeepers in terms of men and equipment following the UN Security Council meeting held this week in New York, and the 2,000 Blue Helmets expected to arrive in the country.



“The UN Security Council on Wednesday unanimously adopted a resolution extending for three months the reinforcement of the mission in Côte d'Ivoire by 500 men from the UN force in Liberia. This means the mandate of these 500 Blue Helmets placed at UNOCI's disposal at the time of the elections has been extended. They therefore remain at UNOCI's disposal for a longer time because, in the beginning, they had only come to Côte d'Ivoire for a few weeks. With regard to the 2,000 additional military personnel expected to come, we do not yet have

a date. We are in negotiations with the contributing countries, including two (2) in West Africa that already have troops in Côte d'Ivoire.

3 *Sensitization in Diakala*

« **Preserving a peaceful post-election environment** » is one of the objectives of UNOCI field offices.

A campaign to promote a peaceful post-election environment in the Worodougou region on 28 January is forging ahead in the towns and villages of the area. On February 15, Diakala village, 18 km from the town of Seguela hosted the visiting UNOCI delegation. The campaign brought together women, youths, traditional and religious authorities and local administrative officials, who all spoke one language: the language of peace and social cohesion. Speaking on behalf of the Diakala people who, for their part, had reiterated their confidence in the UN mission, the Deputy Prefect of the area, Zegbe Kouame, expressed in a nutshell the concerns of the village. He urged the population to live in harmony, saying: "I call on everyone, sons and daughters of Diakala, to preserve a peaceful environment. Do not carry out any acts of violence against your brothers who did not vote for your candidate." The administrator took the opportunity to advise the inhabitants to massively enroll their children in school so that education can continue to provide the basis for all development. The Diakala meeting was part of efforts to help restore normal life in Cote d'Ivoire.



4 *What is the purpose of the green line?*

Green line is set up for reporting human rights abuses in Cote d'Ivoire

On 13 December 2010, UNOCI placed a 24-hour telephone line at the disposal of the public to report cases of human rights abuses during the post-election period. The green line serves the following purposes, among others:

- Record and assemble information on cases of human rights abuses;
 - Remain on maximum alert and provide a permanent listening post for victims;
 - Intervene instantaneously, especially when civilians are in danger;
 - Inform citizens of their rights;
 - Guide victims and witnesses to specialized structures (UN medical facilities, humanitarian agencies etc);
 - Register cases of human rights violations, including summary, extrajudicial and arbitrary executions, forced disappearances, torture, maltreatment, rape, arbitrary arrests and illegal detention
- Victims, witnesses, women, children, elderly and handicapped persons, military, police or ordinary citizens, help us to work for the respect of human rights and to fight against impunity.**
- Contact the Green line of UNOCI's Human Rights Office by telephone at: 06.20.80.59 or 20.23.80.59 or by email: hcdh.ci@un.org**
The line is open 24/24 hours.

The Green line is a new mechanism to ensure the protection of Human Rights in Cote d'Ivoire.

5 *Peace message*

Excerpt from the message of the King of Bouna, who says:

“Thanks ONUCI FM”

After several weeks of interruption for technical reasons, the United Nations’ radio in Côte d’Ivoire, commonly known as ONUCI FM, resumed its programmes in the Zanzan region. The resumption was much welcomed by the King of Bouna, who conveyed the population’s satisfaction. Expressing the relief of the population, Ouattara Sina, spokesperson for the kingdom, said: “It is as if we were cut off from the rest of the world. ONUCI FM is our only opening and it gives us true information.

On behalf of the royal court he highlighted “UNOCI’s praiseworthy efforts in the Ivorian peace process”, adding “UNOCI has always helped us”. Jubilation welcomed the transmission of the first programmes of radio ONUCI FM., was welcomed with jubilation. With ONUCI FM, “life is back in our region”, the population chanted. ONUCI FM “the radio of peace” continues to promote peace, tolerance, unity and reconciliation for the Ivorian population.

6 *Portrait of ...*

Major Hilda Ndimulunde, A woman, a life, in the United Nations



Charisma, competence, devotion, professional ethics. She has them all. Major Hilda Ndimulunde from Namibia is these human values personified. She started serving as a peacekeeper in October 2010, and the United Nations Operation in Côte d’Ivoire is her first mission. “For the woman I am it is a challenge to participate in the United Nations mission in Côte d’Ivoire on behalf of my country”, says Major Ndimulunde.



The rights of women must be recognized as such today because women display the same intellectual capacity as men. We are therefore equal and we, women all over the world, must meet that challenge in all sectors of activity (...). This challenge necessarily involves education, because educating a woman means educating a whole nation,” the military commander says.

Major Hilda Ndimulunde has twenty years of experience. She has two children and a proven commitment to peace.

7 *Image of the week*



7 *On ONU CI FM...*

ONU CI FM, the radio of peace, whose goal is to help Ivorians build peace and national reconciliation, offers regular newscasts as well as features, cultural, music and other programmes. This week, ONU CI FM invites you to listen to our in-depth report on Ivorian refugees in Liberia. Discover the im-

port of rumour on populations, the consequences of stereotypes on cohabitation, women's dignity. ONU CI FM's press review, *Le Kpakpato Pressé*, will continue to make you shake with laughter. Tune in to ONU CI FM, the radio of peace, for full details on these and other broadcasts.

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