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Editorial

« The Security Council has unanimously reelected Ban Ki-Moon as head of the UN with effect from 1 January 2012. Under his leadership, numerous projects were put in place for the benefit of the UN system and member states. One of these was the refugee problem. The world celebrated World Refugee Day on 20 June to draw the attention of governments especially those in Africa to the plight of refugees. The question of refugees, internally and externally displaced persons in Cote d'Ivoire continues to be a cause for concern by the international community. In this regard, the Ivorian government has conceived a plan that envisages the conclusion of agreements with host countries and the High Commission for Refugees (HCR) to facilitate their return. According to HCR, 200,000 Ivorians are taking refuge in countries of the West Africa sub region (Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali and Senegal) as a result of the post-electoral crisis. This problematic situation should not however cause one to lose sight of other areas requiring attention. The UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI) continues its information and sensitization campaigns as

it had done in the pre-electoral period. These communal activities have a common theme namely, social cohesion and national reconciliation as well as specific campaigns such as the fight against HIV/AIDS. Target groups are diverse including youths, women, traditional and religious authorities. The message of reconciliation remains the same: **"Cote d'Ivoire will become what we all want it to be."** There are several challenges ahead and various events on the horizon in the political, security-related, social, military and electoral sectors. At this stage, the assistance that has been promised and aid that has been given are seen as a breath of oxygen and encouragement. National reconciliation which is much desired and awaited should not be an empty expression because the expectations are high and justified. **"Reconciliation shall be the attitude to adopt in the coming days, weeks, months and years because the future of Cote d'Ivoire would depend on the capacity of Ivorians to reconcile with one another,"** says Hamadou Toure who led the UNOCI delegation to a seminar organised by UNOCI on 20 and

21 June 2011 at Grand Bassam on national reconciliation. National reconciliation equally involves truth and justice and in this regard the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has informed alleged victims of war crimes and crimes against humanity that it had requested authorization from the Chamber of the Court to open investigations into these crimes committed by any of the parties to the conflict that ensued after the 28 November 2010 presidential election. Victims have 30 days to address their observations to the Judge of the investigative Chamber of the Court. ICC would visit Cote d'Ivoire from 27 June to 4 July before any eventual investigations into crimes committed during the post-electoral crisis are carried out. On the ground, different national associations are worried over military extortionist practices in certain regions of Cote d'Ivoire whereas this is a moment when the children of this country ought to strengthen their historical ties among themselves and among those who have come to settle among them. The UN has remained consistent with its early declarations by demanding an end to impunity and the carrying

out of impartial investigations. Impartiality is very vital at this stage to ensure the bringing to light all crimes committed during the crisis without taking sides and without the spirit of vengeance.

There are national and international mechanisms for bringing these matters to light and the Ivorian government has made a commitment to do just that. The end of June would also be marked by the granting by the

Security Council of a new mandate to UNOCI. During different meetings between UNOCI Chief Y.J. Choi and Ivorian President Alassane Ouattara, priorities were identified and the needs of the government expressed such as security. The improvement of the security situation will no doubt facilitate the relaunching of the economy and give reassurances to private investors and international organizations such as the African

Development Bank which has announced its return to the country within the next three years. A regular assessment of the situation would be carried out to this effect. Generally speaking, the international community is still available to assist the Ivorian government in its efforts to meet the different challenges. Peace is not won in one day but it can be consolidated forever. ...

1 *UNOCI in action*

• UNOCI participates in regional seminar on the fight against drugs held in Dakar

Several UN officials, the International Police (Interpol) and the Economic Community of West African States met on 21 June 2011 in Dakar to streamline their efforts in the fight against drugs. The West African Coast Initiative (WACI) grouping four West African countries : Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Cote d'Ivoire supports the sub regional action plan in matters of security, the fight against high crime, criminal, organizations and international mafia networks. UN Missions in these countries are also involved in this initiative. UNPOL Commissioner Jean Marie Boury recalls that "the initiative was launched

in Freetown in 2010 and each country has a different level of attainment of its objectives. Services for the fight against high crimes have been set up at national level and its transnational units are under the supervision of national authorities. Discussions focused on the creation of a regional coordination structure to manage the system. As soon as possible, another mission would be set up to reevaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the Ivorian security services and to resume contact and further discussions with Ivorian authorities.



• Impartial and Republican forces examine security problems

The UNOCI Force Commander General Berena Gnakooude took part in the tripartite meeting of Generals grouping UNOCI, FRCI and Licorne forces at the Galieni Camp on 21 June 2011.

Discussions centred on:

- 1- The taking over charge of the security at Abidjan Port by the Gendarmerie and the Police
- 2- The request by the Defence Ministry to Justice Ministry to revive the civilian prisons of Dabou and Bassam
- 3- The modalities for the transfer of security responsibilities from FRCI on the one hand to the gendarmerie and Police on the other hand.
- 4- The deployment of forces in the Grand West

The meeting was attended by UNOCI Force Commander, General Berena Gnakooude, General Kibeceri Sylvestre, Deputy UNPOL Commander, Col. Pau Stephane interim Commander of Licorne and Generals Philippe Mangou,

Kassarate Tiape, Soumaila Bakayoko, Michel Gueu of the FRCI and Bredou Mbia, Inspector General of Police.



2 UNOCI meets the press:

Two items featured prominently on the agenda of the press conference of Thursday 23 June 2011: the human rights situation and the National Vaccination campaign against polio. The two speakers were Guillaume Nguessa, interim Director of UNOCI Human Rights Office and Dr. D. Ball, WHO Representative in Cote d'Ivoire. Here are some excerpts.

- The Human Rights Office has concluded its investigations into the post-electoral violence. The findings would be made public once the report is submitted to the bureau of the High Commission for Human Rights in Geneva and the approval procedure is finalized.

- The UN Council on Human Rights adopted resolution 17/27 to create for one year a mandate for an independent expert for Cote d'Ivoire

- The International Criminal Court will visit Cote d'Ivoire from 27 June to 4 July. UNOCI would provide logistic support for the delegation to be led by the deputy prosecutor Mrs. Fatou Bensouda

- UNOCI is satisfied with the release of 17 personalities of the ex ruling FPI party from house arrest at the Pergola Hotel. During discussions, none of the personalities complained of any ill-treatment or torture. They however complained about the lack of communication with members of their family. It would be recalled that UNOCI was not in charge of their security at Pergola Hotel, a



matter which falls under the purview of the Ivorian government.

- Regarding the follow up of a number of violations, the Human Rights Office identified 8 persons shot to death and 30 others wounded by FRCI forces.

- UNOCI has once more requested Ivorian authorities to open enquiries into the above-mentioned acts and expressed the hope that Ivorian Gendarmerie and Police can conduct peace missions.

On the sanitation front:



- 7 million children between the ages of 0 to 5 are expected to be vaccinated against polio during a second phase of the campaign organised by the Ministry of Health and the Fight against AIDS in collaboration with WHO, UNICEF, Rotary International, the American Centre for Disease Control and World Vaccination Alliance.
- The last polio epidemic in Cote d'Ivoire was in 2009 with 26 cases reported while 11 new cases have been reported in 8 health districts including Soubre, Duekoue, Abobo, Dabou, Divo, Jacqueville and Vavoua
- Supplementary campaigns against parasites will accompany the polio vaccination campaign.
- The media were congratulated for their contribution to the promotion of health in general and the fight against polio in particular.

3 Sensitisation :

• UNOCI inaugurates two quick impact projects at Tahanso and Tieme

It was a day of celebration in Tahanso and Tieme on Wednesday 22 June and for good reason: the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI) inaugurated three water pumps in Tahanso and rehabilitated school buildings for the benefit of students of the College Municipal of Tieme in the Odienne division, 867 km from Abidjan.



A spokesman for the village Chief of Tahanso, Mory Vakou said the water pumps would now provide drinking water to many households, recalling that the pumps had broken down since two years ago. On his part, Soumaila Traore, vice president of the management board of the school said the rehabilitation of the school laboratory, two classrooms and an office has come as breath of oxygen. The school Principal Felix Kouadio said thanks to UNOCI, the two-pronged objective of education and

training has now become a reality in his establishment. On behalf of the Special Representative of UN Secretary-General for Cote d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, an official of UNOCI's Electoral Assistance Office, Emile Mani recalled that the quick impact projects financed by UNOCI have been executed in response to demands made by the population during UNOCI Days on 28, 29 and 30 April 2010. "You must know that it is during peace that one can think of development. It is in tranquility that one can realize projects such as these in order to reinforce social cohesion and peaceful co-existence among the different communities," Mr. Mani stressed.

The sub Prefect of Tieme Antoine Ble Gnialy said he was satisfied that UNOCI is always attentive to the concerns of the Ivorian population. He gave advice to the beneficiaries and encouraged the students to work hard in order to obtain good results.



• UNOCI organizes seminar on national reconciliation

« Social cohesion and national reconciliation are pressing and immediate needs in this post crisis period. It was therefore important that UNOCI initiate them along with actors and opinion leaders. It is a harmonious alliance we are creating between the media which give information and civil society which explains information.” These were the opening remarks of the head of the UNOCI delegation, Hamadoun Toure at the seminar on the commitment of the media and civil society in strengthening social cohesion and national reconciliation organised for opinion leaders of the Lagunes and Sud-Comoe regions. Speaking on behalf of UNOCI Chief Y.J. Choi, Mr. Toure, who is head of the Public Information Office, noted that the seminar was coming at a special moment for UNOCI and the participants as they were now able to come together in order to continue sensitization work which

was suspended during the post-electoral crisis. It is a matter of writing a new page on the commitment of the participants with regard to the aim of the seminar. The seminar which consists of workshops and an open discussion forum conducted by consultants would permit the different groups attending to exchange ideas pertinent to them. Social cohesion should become a reality and Ivorians as a whole are aspiring for peace. The Prefect of Grand Bassam where the seminar was held, Gninnia Doubou Bernard said he was satisfied the seminar was taking place at a time Cote d'Ivoire was in urgent need of peace and reconciliation of the various components of society that had experienced the different conflicts and crises. The seminar will be extended to other regions of the country, confirming UNOCI's commitment to promoting social cohesion and national reconciliation in Cote d'Ivoire.

• Community leaders of Soubre on the road to peace

UNOCI organised a sensitization and information session on 18 June in Soubre, 400 km west of Abidjan within the context of its sensitization campaign among the population dubbed **<UNOCI Tour>**. The tour was aimed at informing the inhabitants of the area about the work of the different offices of UNOCI, the role of the UN mission in the Ivorian peace process and to sensitise the people on their contribution to the establishment of a peaceful environment and social cohesion. “UNOCI will spare no effort to support any initiative toward the effective return of confidence and harmony among the population and to assist the country resolve the crisis,” declared the head of the UNOCI delegation Simwaba Awesso, coordinator of the regional electoral office. The Prefect of Soubre, Florent Leopold Anon for his part was satisfied that the campaign took place in his division and expressed the gratitude of the administration to UNOCI. Mr. Anon called on the people to be receptive to the message of peace and togetherness. “You must forgive because it is in forgiveness that we become free. We should forget whatever constitutes an obstacle to the construction of



the social fabric which was damaged,” he concluded. Some 80 participants representing all the socio-professional components of the area who took part in the workshops drew up recommendations which they presented to the authorities, international organizations and the population on ways of contributing to a successful national reconciliation and social cohesion.

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- **Surveillance committees formed in Moyen Cavally on prevention, management and resolution of conflicts**

UNOCI organised a 2-day seminar on 20 June in Duekoue, Moyen Cavally region aimed at training 20 regional surveillance committees on methods



of consolidating peace and social cohesion. The Moyen Cavally region and in particular the Duekoue division experienced the horrors of the post-electoral crisis which caused the loss of lives, destruction of houses, the displacement of people and the loss of confidence among the population. UNOCI representative Jean Marie Kalama, the Prefect of Duekoue Benjamin Effoli and 5th Deputy Mayor Denis Badouan urged the population to make a written and firm commitment to social cohesion and national reconciliation that would serve as a model to all the other regions of Cote d'Ivoire. Professor Amoa Koidio Urbain and Dr. Essis Essoh Jean Mathieu were the main trainers at the workshop which permitted participants to draw up recommendations for a definitive return of peace in Cote d'Ivoire.

- **Students in Agou create club called «Children Messengers of Peace»**

Students in Agou decided to follow the road of peace on 9 February 2011 when they formed a club named <Children messengers of peace> at the Lycee Moderne. The club was born in the heart of the post-electoral crisis and so did not attract much attention. It might not be well known but it exists and functions in the biggest school of the town, the Lycee Moderne with an enrolment of 2000 including 978 girls. The young messengers of peace have set as task the promotion of peace, the eventual resolution of conflicts

and the establishment of a favourable atmosphere for studies.

The president of the club, Miss Dja Rosine took advantage of ceremonies to mark the International Day of the African Child on 16 June to urge parents at the occasion to eradicate abusive language, physical aggression, lies telling, hypocrisy, calumny, discrimination and xenophobia. The aim, she said, is "to make reconciliation a reality that would lead to a definite restoration of peace in us, around us and in the country."

4 Messages of peace

UNOCI Seminar at Grand Basam

Prefect of Grand Bassam, Gninnia Dabou Bernard:
 "We must achieve cohesion and national reconciliation capable of establishing lasting peace

in our towns, districts and villages among our sons and daughters, men and women. This can only be achieved by combining our efforts."

Inauguration of school in Dohiriguekaha rehabilitated by UNOCI

Prefect of Sinematiali division, Namory Doumbia:
 "The support of UNOCI to the educational system through its works is testimony of its readiness

to contribute to the development of the country beginning with the education of children. It is showing us the path to follow to ensure the future through this positive act.

UNOCI Days in Mbahiakro

Assale Eugen, President of the General Council of Mbahiakro:
 "These three days UNOCI has spent with the

population of Mbahiakro have no doubt helped to establish links between the UN mission and the population, and to rectify a certain image that had been given to it."

5 Postelectoral situation:

Excerpts from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Article 5

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 6

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

Article 7

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in

violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Article 8

Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

Article 9

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

6 Portrait : Diomande Stephane Adama alias Stephan Adams, ONUCI FM correspondent in the Montaignes region – love for the mike.

“Commitment for me is in the context of peace, to pay particular attention to handicapped persons and their abilities.”

← A native of Gouana, in Touba division in the north of Cote d'Ivoire, Diomande Stephane Adama, alias Stephan Adams is ONUCI FM's correspondent in the Montaignes region. He is married and father of two lovely daughters: Cressie, 5 and Mouna Roxane, 3. He loved journalism from a tender age so after high school in Gagnoa, he did a 3-year course at the Institute of the Science and Technique of Communication (ISTC) Abidjan at Cocody, where he obtained a higher diploma. Between 1987 and 1992, he was in Mali and Burkina Faso where he worked for different radio stations as reporter and announcer. Back in Cote d'Ivoire, he occupied positions of responsibility and worked as news anchor. Stephan Adams joined the UN on 16 March 2006 as correspondent for ONUCI FM in the Montaignes region.

And what are his functions?

Stephane draws up a weekly work schedule in accordance with information from his focal points in the divisions of the region including Biankouma, Dannane, Kouibly, Zouan-Hounien and Man. He edits, produces and presents various types of reports and interviews for the Radio for Peace as well as cover events pertaining to the main activities and mandate of the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI) and the different aspects of economic, social and political life. “My commitment is



to peace; it is my contribution to the peace process and for the restoration of a lasting peace and social cohesion in my country,” says Stephane.” **“What pleases me most in this profession is collective work and it gives me the opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world and in Cote d'Ivoire. What is peculiar is that physical handicap which is my case is not an obstacle to performance and in daily life. It is also a way of telling the world to pay particular attention to the handicapped in order to build their capacity and integrate them in the world of work.”**

7 *Image of the week*



8 *What's New on ONUCI FM?*

Friday 24 June 7h40, ONUCI FM Culture talks about the Prix Ivoire which will soon close entries for candidates and their works.

At **8h50, Parlons de Paix** focuses on the dignity of man in this post crisis period and at **14h40 ONUCI FM Action** will host the head of the NGO, BEDA to discuss the wellbeing of albinos.

As from **27 June at 7h40**, a **special ONUCI FM report** focuses on the looting of the Abidjan Museum; at **8h50 Parlons de Paix** will discuss shock and how to overcome it. At **10h30 ONUCI FM Reportage** will take you for a visit to the shanty town of Kouamassi Espoir where life is a daily struggle for survival.

On **28 June at 7h40 ONUCI FM Action** talks about the

NGO MESOVO and its support for women in difficulty in the Zenouela region and at **10h30 ONUCI Reportage** in Bondoukou presents a project by youths in Flakie to fight against poverty

On **Wednesday 29 June ONUCI FM** will devote time to the very young at **7h40; ONUCI Reportage** will draw your attention to the consequences of the work of garbage men on children in Korhogo. At **8h50 Parlons de Paix** would centre on the methods of conflict management.

** Note that the major newscasts will be aired at the usual times: 7h,8h, and 12h with a news bulletin at 9h, news briefs at 10h, and 11h in the mornings and 14h 15h, and 17h in the afternoons. This would be preceded by a bulletin at 16h.*

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