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Editorial

Significant progress has been made in the crisis-resolution process. The newly elected president has just taken an important measure by appointing a new military high command capable of jump-starting the process of providing security in, and reunifying the country. This is a strong signal within the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement, which has to lead to better security for persons and goods, an essential factor for peace, stability and reconciliation. This essential role entrusted upon the defence and security forces has to be supported by all well-wishers so as to bring years of instability to an end.

The international community wishes to lend its support to this process. The encouragement from the friends of Côte d'Ivoire was reaffirmed by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire when he visited the West of the country recently. During that visit, he announced that nine military camps would be established by UNOCI to help in the effort to bring peace to the country. The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) and the UN Mission in Liberia are also working hand-in-hand to make the border between Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia secure. Achieving all this will be necessary to allow Côte d'Ivoire's economy to

stand up to international competition. Development partners have already begun to preparing for the reconstruction of the country. The Ivorian population, severely affected by the crisis, needs to be reassured in order to be able to live normal lives in a peaceful environment. The current upsurge in political activity provides glimmers of hope and confirms the interest that exists in having the institutions of democracy function normally once again. To living together and focus resolutely on a lasting and definitive resolution of the crisis remains a wish and credo for the entire population and friends of Côte d'Ivoire.

1 *UNOCI in action*

- **The head of the mission is satisfied at the work of UNPOL**

A medal parade for 96 members of UNOCI's UN police section from 15 countries was held on Friday 8 July 2011 at the mission's headquarters in the presence of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi. Mr. Choi thanked the recipients for their devotion and the sacrifices they made during the post-election crisis. "You exposed

yourselves to risks during the serious crisis that Côte d'Ivoire went through and you rose up to the challenge to ensure that the mission assigned to you was well executed," he said, exhorting the police officers to redouble their efforts to help the mission to "face the new challenges that await it in accompanying Côte d'Ivoire in the reconciliation, reconstruction and democracy process".



- **Force Commander congratulates Côte d'Ivoire's new military authorities**

UNOCI Force Commander Gnakoudé Béréna, who participated in the handover ceremony for the new high command of the Republican Forces of Côte d'Ivoire (FRCI) at the Gallieni Camp in Abidjan, welcomed the new context which, he said, would allow for an improved security situation in the country. He said « the FRCI and UNOCI will pursue their good collaboration for the success of their joint mission to the benefit of the Ivorian people, who aspire to calm and peace ». The ceremony, which represents a positive step forward in the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement, is also a strong signal in the process of reconciliation and in restoring normal functioning to Ivorian institutions.



• UNOCI finances clean-up operation in Korhogo

UNOCI launched a series of sanitation projects in various towns in Côte d'Ivoire on Monday 11 July 2011 with a household-garbage collection operation in Korhogo, 580 km north of Abidjan. This operation, billed to cost FCFA 11 million, is being financed under UNOCI's Quick Impact Project (QIPs), and includes the



renting of machines, the purchasing of garbage collection materials, the acquisition of office supplies and cleaning up Korhogo.

According to the resident mayor of Korhogo, Koné Lanciné, the collection of household garbage, which was a daily activity of the town council, encountered difficulties as a result of the crisis that wracked the country for years. "The municipality of Korhogo, which used to be beautiful before, is now bent under the weight of mountains of garbage," he stated, "but thanks to UNOCI we shall succeed in removing it soon." He recommended the establishment of health committees and called on the population to keep their surroundings clean.

The sous-prefet, Kouadio Eugène, stated that « UNOCI continually carries out actions and sensitization for the benefit of the populations and the areas in which it has intervened are now too many to be counted. He added that "the State is involved in a decentralization process for which local collectivities need to initiate this type of partnership, and UNOCI has just given the example of a reliable partner in accompanying this measure of decentralization".

2 UNOCI meets the press :

- The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, YJ Choi, will attend a Security Council meeting on Monday 18 July at which the latest developments in Côte d'Ivoire will be discussed.
- Mr. Choi will present the 28th report of the UN Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) and highlight the challenges that remain to be addressed with a view to improving the security situation and re-establishing the rule of law in Côte d'Ivoire. He will also reiterate UNOCI's readiness to help the Ivorian government in its efforts to encourage social cohesion, promote reconciliation and prepare legislative elections.
- Within this framework, UNOCI, in accordance with its mandate, is supporting the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) in carrying out an inventory of electoral infrastructure, materials and technical equipment. Where logistics during the current start-up phase of the operation are concerned, UNOCI is supporting planning and the deployment of administrative

officials in charge of conducting election-related programmes in the hinterland.

- The regional offices of UNOCI's Electoral Assistance Division, within the limits of their resources, are providing the technical assistance and support needed to implement the operations of the IEC, particularly with regard to preparing the legislative elections.



- On the military plane, UNOCI's Blue Helmets carried out 1,275 land and air patrols over the past week. They continue to conduct mixed patrols with the Forces républicaines de Côte d'Ivoire (FRCI – Republican forces of Côte d'Ivoire), which help improve the security situation.

- Within the framework of its humanitarian assistance and operational activities, UNOCI's force last week provided 1,209 patients with medical care and distributed 48,500 litres of potable water to needy populations.

- On Friday 15 July 2011 in Yopougon, UNOCI will collect small arms voluntarily handed in by militia members and civilians. This operation, piloted by the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) Division, is being carried out in collaboration with the National Small Arms Commission and the National Programme for Reinsertion and Community Rehabilitation (PNRRC) with the support of the FRCI. UNOCI will ensure the security of the operation in and around the site.
- A mobile DDR team will conduct an awareness-building campaign to encourage militia members and civilians who have weapons to hand them in.
- The Human Rights Division continues to be worried about abuses committed by FRCI elements against local populations. Over the past week, at least 25 cases of torture and other forms of ill-treatment were reported in Daloa, Kinkeninda (260 km from Bouaké) and Zoukougbeu (40 km from Daloa). At least four persons received death threats from FRCI elements.
- On Friday 15 July, representatives of UNOCI's Human Rights Division and the Minister of State for Human Rights and Public Liberties will go to Bouna to look into the conditions of detention of various personalities imprisoned there. UNOCI had also visited personalities who were detained at the Pergola Hotel in Abidjan before they were transferred to Boundiali on 9 July.
- The mission is intensifying its grassroots awareness campaign aimed at helping to strengthen social cohesion and national reconciliation. Many grassroots activities are planned, especially in the Zanzan, 18 Montagnes, Savanes and Denguélé regions.
- With a view to promoting the culture of peace in schools, UNOCI teams will be going to various educational institutions before the end of the school year to promote vacation activities that foster peace and reconciliation.

3 *Sensitisation :*

• The mothers of Bondoukou celebrate peace and reconciliation

About 800 women participated in a ceremony held on Tuesday 12 July in Bondoukou, 416 km north-east of Abidjan, to celebrate Mothers Day, albeit belatedly, and, at the same time, sensitize the participants in favour of peace and reconciliation.

The prefect of the Zanzan region, Francois Germain Goun, sponsor of the ceremony, praised the women

by quoting from a poem by the famous Guinean writer Camara Laye, entitled "To My Mother". M. Goun encouraged the women to unite and to practice reconciliation. Noting that "UNOCI has committed body and soul to peace and all development action", he reiterated the gratitude of the population of Bondoukou and the entire region to UNOCI for bringing peace back to Côte d'Ivoire.



• SOSSOROBOUGOU opts for reconciliation and social cohesion

An awareness-building caravan initiated by the UNOCI with a view to promoting social cohesion and reconciliation in the Nzi Comoé region made a stopover in Sossorobougou, a neighbourhood of Daoukro, some 250 km north of Abidjan, on Friday 8 July. During the encounter, which took the form of a meet-the-people session, the Secretary-General of the

Prefecture, Assi Ohouot Bernard, invited the population to practice forgiveness and reconciliation so as to give peace, a pre-condition for any development, a chance. “We have to rise again. All types of mistakes were made, but we have to forgive and move on, » he said. « Keep being who you are and maintain your dignity. »



• Korhogo's youths reaffirm their commitment to social cohesion and the promotion of human rights

About 100 members of youth groups were urged to be ambassadors for peaceful co-existence in their region at a public lecture focussing mainly on the importance of cultivating social cohesion, held on 9 July in Korhogo. The encounter was organised by the Comité d'Actions pour la Promotion des Droits de l'Homme et de la Paix (CAPDHP – Action Committee for the Promotion of Human Rights and Peace) in partnership with UNOCI. “Accept one another despite your differences, become involved in the reconciliation process and, in particular, promote tolerance, equality, liberty, solidarity,

sharing, forgiveness and non-violence around you,” the sous-prefet of Korhogo, Kouadio Eugène, said. “Call on the traditional, community and administrative leaders to help you to resolve your differences through dialogue” He welcomed the holding of the public lecture, noting that it “will enable our young people to know how to react when a conflict arises among them, and especially, to know their rights and duties because, if everything goes well with them, everything will go better with the country”.



4 *Messages of peace...*

Modeste Nowa Gnaoré, career-guidance counsellor

« The lecture focussed on a topical issue and sowed in each of us the seeds of peace and social cohesion, which are fundamental elements for development. »

Lazard Touplé Gbéhé, Pastor

« May God dispose our hearts to live together in renewed thought and in peace. »

Sina Fofana, head of the school council of the Collège moderne de San Pedro

« May there be real reconciliation so that peace can become a reality. May peace reign in the hearts of one and all ! »

Anon Léopold Florent, Préfet of Soubré

« To live together, you have to forgive. It is forgiveness that sets you free. Leave everything that can hinder us in the rebuilding of the social fabric, which has been severely damaged. »

5 *Postelectoral situation:*

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Article 3

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 19

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

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6 *Portrait : Le Capitaine Younes MOSADIK, Commander of Morbatt 14 in Divo*

*Serving peace and protecting the weakest are a calling for
Captain Younes Mosadik*

« The desire to be at the service of peacekeeping, of actions to protect the civilian population, but also to share one's experience with others are my main reasons for choosing my vocation and for my presence within the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire, » Captain Younes Mosadik said as he and his battalion, the 14th Moroccan contingent in UNOCI (Morbatt 14), prepared to leave Divo for its new area of deployment, San Pedro.

The outbreak of the last phase of the post-election crisis enabled the populations of Sud Bandama and Fromager regions to discover in Capt. Mosadik a man who distinguished himself in the protection of civilian populations, through his spontaneity, his proactive nature and his efficiency. As if he had been forewarned, he had built shelters within the UNOCI camp in Divo and, as a result, the camp was later able to provide shelter to internally displaced persons from various areas in the two regions. From providing security to the general population to the extrication of persons whose lives are in danger, this officer enabled

many people to understand the mission assigned to UNOCI's military force in the Sud Bandama and Fromager regions. This explains the disarray of the population on hearing that the Moroccan contingent was being deployed elsewhere.



Capt. Mossadik, who is 33, had returned to Divo in February 2011 on his third mission in Côte d'Ivoire. He first arrived in 2004, and was stationed in N'gatatolikro. On his return in 2009 for his second stint, he was deployed in Divo. He says he always strives to be a worthy representative of his country, Morocco, in the mission, and that he derives great satisfaction from his work as he plays his part in the contribution of his nation - which has fraternal links with Côte d'Ivoire - to peace in this country.

As he leaves Divo, Captain Mosadik says he is filled with a feeling of satisfaction at having accomplished his duty well, but is also sad at leaving after building fraternal relations in the two regions with the population, the authorities and his UNOCI colleagues in Divo.

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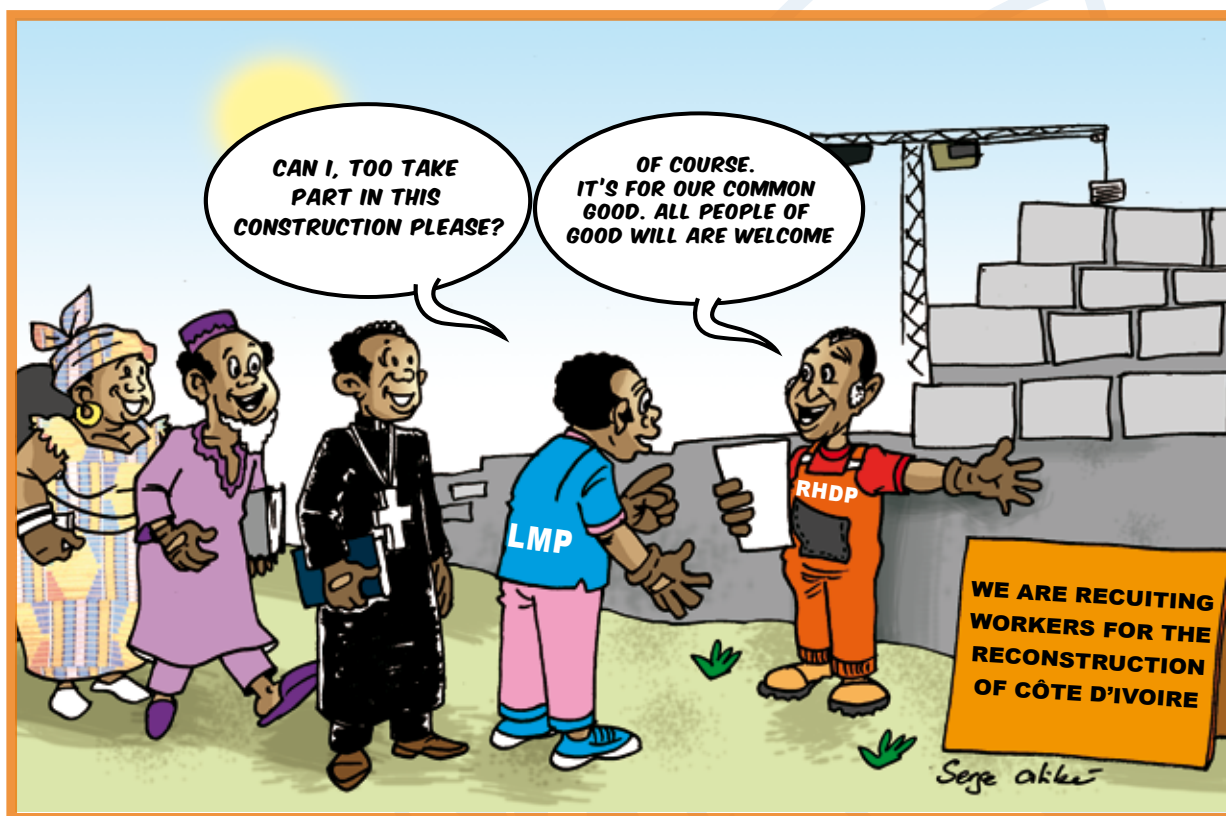
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Let's advance on the road to peace

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

7 *Image of the week*



8 *What's new on ONUCI FM ...?*

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This week, we invite you to tune in to the following features.

On Monday 18 July, ONUFI FM visits the national libra-

ry, which was looted. On Tuesday the 19th, the radio of peace will be in the Department of Koun Fao to see how the absence of good roads can stifle an economy. On Wednesday 20 July, you can get to know more about the choreographer Georges Mombaye.

On Thursday 21 July we discover the Cofemci-Repc NGO, where women work for post-crisis reconstruction, and finally, on Friday 22 July, ONUFI FM features a woman who has had a restaurant in Yamoussoukro for the past 26 years and who shares with us some secrets for maintaining a good restaurant.

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