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Editorial

« The UN's mandate in Côte d'Ivoire is clear. This mandate was given to it by the Security Council and includes the certification of the elections. The parties had adhered to this mandate. The UN took a position of principle so that the democratically expressed will of the Ivorian people could be respected. We were not the only ones to have this position. Many countries and organizations, including ECOWAS and the African Union, worked together over the past few months to ensure that our common values are respected." This was stated by UN Secretary-general Ban Ki-moon on ONUCI FM on 22 May 2011. His presence at the inauguration on 21 May 2011 in Yamoussoukro, of the President of Côte d'Ivoire, Alassane Ouattara, which was noted and applauded, carried a double message: the consecration of democracy and a guarantee of continued UNOCI support to Côte d'Ivoire for lasting peace.

The presence of heads of state and government, representatives of more than 30 countries from different continents and that of the representatives of high-profile companies, some of them

indispensable to Côte d'Ivoire's economic recovery, conferred a special, historic character to the inauguration. At this ceremony, a significant slot was awarded to reconciliation, a prerequisite for lasting peace between all the children of the country.

The work of the United Nations is far from over. The electoral crisis exacerbated and multiplied challenges that existed already in the country and also created new difficulties. It is important for President Ouattara to receive all the assistance that he and his government need, including in the areas of security, reconciliation, economic recovery and equity. The United Nations has said it is ready to provide assistance in these areas if it is asked and in keeping with its mandate and resources.

Some may feel that the humanitarian aspect is being treated as a poor relation in all this outpouring of energy for Côte d'Ivoire's recovery. Nothing of the sort is true. Non-governmental organizations and the United Nations have been sensitive to the plight of internally and externally displaced persons. They have provided assistance and will do even

more in the coming weeks. The issue of Ivorian refugees and displaced persons must be tackled urgently so that it does not undermine the efforts that are being made.

Bringing antagonistic parties to the reconciliation table, ensuring security and the freedom of movement of persons and goods, restoring the socio-economic, health and educational fabric of the country ... are among the many areas that need to be focused on. Exemplary action, competence and values will all have their place in the rebuilding of Côte d'Ivoire if all actors, known and unknown, play their part. UNOCI will play its part to the end, maintaining in its sights the certification of the legislative elections which, according to the Ivorian head of State, are to be held before the end of the year.

In the meantime, people have decided to go back to work, students have gone back to school. Normalcy seems to be settling in by itself as the country refuses to go under, even after being dragged to the very gates of chaos; like a reed that bends but does not break.

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1 *UNOCI in action*

- **The UN Secretary-General exchanges views with the Ivorian President in Yamoussoukro**

While in Côte d'Ivoire to attend the inauguration of President Ouattara, the United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon held a fifteen-minute meeting with the Ivorian President on 21 May 2011. President Ouattara expressed "his gratitude to the whole world" which, he said, demonstrated solidarity for the triumph of democracy. In this regard, he particularly welcomed the commitment of the United Nations. "It gave itself the practical resources to reestablish democracy and lasting peace," he said. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon arrived in Côte d'Ivoire on the morning of the ceremony, at the head of a strong delegation including the head of UN peacekeeping operations, Alain Le Roy, and the special representative of the secretary-general for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi. Before leaving for Nigeria and Ethiopia, the Secretary-General ended his 48-hour mission in Côte d'Ivoire with consultations with the staff of the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), which he congratulated for its contribution to the restoration of democracy in Côte d'Ivoire.



- **Ban Ki-moon visits internally displaced persons in Cocody**

While in Côte d'Ivoire to attend the inauguration of President Alassane Ouattara, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon visited a camp for internally displaced persons in Cocody, Abidjan, on Sunday 22 May. The issue of the IDPs' return to a normal life after losing everything was at the heart of the discussions between the Secretary-General and the displaced persons. Below is his message:

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.



Thank you for giving me this chance to speak with you. Few things are more precious than normal life ... simply being able to live without worry, fear or want. You have lost that. Many of you have lost your homes or members of your families. You have all been witness to terrible things. For all this I am deeply sorry. I want you to know that my heart is with you all. That is why I am here ... to express my solidarity with you, to offer help and hope

that your lives will soon return to normal.

You know much of what we are already doing. We are providing camps such as these with water, medicine and food ... with shelter, sanitation and other basic services. This assistance is available to everyone who needs our help – not just in camps, but anywhere. I also know you want to return to your homes and communities, as soon as possible. Let me say, however, that no one can force you to do so before you are ready. This is a fundamental principle of international law. Again, let me say clearly: no one should feel that he or she must return home before he or she is ready. Forced returns are against the law. If any of you face pressure to do so, please report it to the appropriate officials. Those officials will then talk to those applying the pressure.

Finally, I know it may be hard to see beyond the day-to-day struggles of life in this camp. But please do not lose your hope. Cote d'Ivoire is making a fresh start. You have a new president – a president who takes office by the will of the people, supported by the entire international community. The United Nations stood by your side during the recent crisis. We will continue to stand by you as your country rebuilds. Cote d'Ivoire is rich – rich in resources, and rich in the spirit of its people. We will help you build democracy, create jobs and protect the human rights of all Ivoirians.

I am confident that Cote d'Ivoire will once again become what it was not long ago – a pillar of strength, prosperity and peace for all of Africa.

Thank you.

• Alain Leroy heads United Nations delegation to Duékoué

UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Alain Leroy, UNOCI head Y.J. Choi and Humanitarian Coordinator Ndolamb Ngokwey, visited displaced persons at the Catholic Church in Duékoué on 22 May 2011. Duékoué. « Duékoué is a laboratory of the complex Ivorian situation, which contains many problems. UNOCI will continue its efforts with regard to protecting and assisting civilian populations, and disarmament, and will contribute to the national policy of reconciliation,” Mr. Leroy said. “We shall provide our contribution to exceptional persons such as Father Cyprien,” he added, as he rendered homage

to the priest who heads with abnegation, commitment and sacrifice, the Duékoué Catholic Mission that provides shelter to over 30,000 people displaced by the post-election crisis. Before leaving Duékoué, he said he hoped Duékoué would become a laboratory for national reconciliation because in the camp lives had been lost, but babies had also been born, which symbolized hope. He also stated that the Moroccan contingent based in the town, whose presence, support and willingness to assist had been highlighted by the UN delegation’s host, would remain there.



• Y.J. Choi receives Doris Ross of the IMF

The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi and a delegation of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) led by Doris Ross, on Monday 23 May 2011, discussed the Ivorian economic situation after the post-election crisis. “There is a lot to do” Mrs Ross said, reiterated the IMF’s support for Côte d'Ivoire, starting with an initial financial assistance package which, she said,

would probably be awarded in July. The IMF representative stressed that for her institution, “resolving the crisis is the major challenge regarding the economy”. She added that discussions were ongoing with Ivorian authorities on the other aspect of the IMF’s support, based on political and economic counseling for structural reforms. Doris Ross was accompanied by the IMF resident representative in Abidjan, Wayne Williams Camard.



2 UNOCI meets the press :

The activities of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, the celebration of International Peacekeeping Day and the report by the Human Rights Division on the violations committed in western Côte d'Ivoire were the highlights of UNOCI's weekly press conference, held on Thursday 26 May 2011 in Seboko, the mission's headquarters. UNOCI Spokesman Hamadoun Touré, Guillaume Ngefa, interim head of the UNOCI's Human Rights Division and Fatou Thiam, a member of the same division, who participated in the investigation in the west, spoke on these issues. Excerpts:



« The UN Secretary-General has appointed Arnault Akodjenou of Benin as his Deputy Special Representative for Côte d'Ivoire. Mr. Akodjenou replaces the former number two of UNOCI, Abou Moussa, who has become the Special representative and head of the United Nations Office for Central Africa (UNOCA) based in Libreville (Gabon). »

« Like other peacekeeping missions, UNOCI will celebrate International Peacekeeping Day on 30 May on the theme of "Law, Order and Peace", which will be the theme of a roundtable at Seboko, the mission's headquarters. The Day will also be commemorated in the hinterland, with the organization of activities in various locations. »

« With regard to operational activities, the Blue Helmets carried out 766 land and air patrols last week. »

« Within the framework of its humanitarian actions, the UNOCI Force provided free medical treatment to 979 patients and distributed 96,000 litres of drinking water during the past week. »

« UNOCI sent a team of 23 investigators to the west to investigate the serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law perpetrated during the crisis stemming from the contestation of the results of the second round of the presidential election of 28 November 2010 and the armed confrontation between the FRCI and the FDS. »

« At least 1012 persons were killed in the west of Côte d'Ivoire during the crisis that followed the November 2010 presidential election, including 505 in Duékoué. »

« The death toll in Duékoué covers the period from 1 December 2010 to 24 April 2011. »

« The investigation team worked only in the regions of Moyen Cavally (Duékoué) and Dix-Huit Montagnes (Man). »

« The investigation team went to 85 locations, including towns, villages, neighbourhoods and camps, in Bangolo, Bin Houye, Biolequin, Danané, Duekoué, Guiglo, Man, Zouan Hounien, Taï and Toulepleu. »

« UNOCI was caught between two fires in Duékoué. »

« The call centre set up by UNOCI's Human Rights Division registered more than 15,000 calls. »

« Nine actors were involved in these killings: FDS, FAFN, FRCI, militias in the Moyen Cavally, Liberian mercenaries, Dozos (hunters and combatants), 'Patriots', self-defence groups, civilians. »

« UNOCI recommends to the Ivorian authorities to conduct investigations to find out those responsible. UNOCI will continue to support the Ivorian authorities in the areas of security, human rights, humanitarian assistance. We have a mandate to accompany them. »

« We have been conducting an investigation into human rights violations and not a criminal investigation. We stick to the facts. »



3 *Sensitisation :*

• **ONUCI FM at the centre of Alassane Ouattara's investiture**

ONUCI FM the Radio for Peace", beyond this slogan, the UN radio was present in Yamoussoukro to bring live reports of the preparations and investiture of President Alassane Ouattara in Yamoussoukro on 21 May 2011 to its numerous listeners. Seven reporters from Abidjan and Bouake joined their correspondent in Yamoussoukro to do a minute-by-minute coverage of the event while a team of reporters in Abidjan was on standby. The radio produced interviews, special reports, man-in-the street interviews, and documentaries on diverse range of topics such as the contribution of UNOCI

of UNOCI during the post-electoral crisis and national reconstruction, the human rights and humanitarian situation, reconciliation and economic take off, etc.

An ethno-sociologist, Lancine Sylla was invited to the Abidjan studios to comment on these subjects during a special program from 9h-10h on the day of the inauguration. Thereafter, the team in Yamoussoukro took over for live commentaries of the inaugural ceremony with characteristic professionalism.

• **UNOCI promotes reconciliation**

UNOCI and its partners: the NGO Woroudougou Soutra and Esperance Vie visited the neighbourhood of Binata on Thursday 19 May 2011 within the context of its ONUCI TOUR programme attended by some 200 inhabitants who pledged their commitment to national reconciliation. The sub Prefect of Seguela, Mr. Zegbe Kouame who presided over the get-together,

thanked UNOCI for its efforts towards restoring peace in Cote d'Ivoire since 2004. Speaking on behalf of the community, Mr. Binata Inza urged the population to maintain social cohesion. The UNOCI delegation was made up of the Public Information Office and UN military observers who plan to continue the programme dedicated to peace.

• **Korhogo women want to participate in the reconciliation process and strengthen social cohesion**

Women's associations and NGOs in Korhogo do not want to be sidelined in the ongoing process of reconciliation and reinforcement of social cohesion in Cote d'Ivoire. They expressed the wish at a workshop organized in Korhogo on Thursday 19 May 2011 by UNOCI to enlist women's support for the process in their capacity as mothers, wives, sisters and daughters. At the workshop presided over by the Prefect

of the region, Daouda Ouattara, the women's spokesperson, Sorho Valerie said " there were numerous injuries during the crisis and the workshop provides a forum for us to realize that we did a lot but more still has to be done. We have an important role to play since we are the first victims of conflict and that we have the capacity to approach our husbands and children to give advice so that this does not happen again."



• UNOCI offers three classrooms to the children of zegata

Zegata, which means « purity », in the Yowlè language, is a village of over 3,000 inhabitants located in the department of Bouaflé, in central Côte d'Ivoire. On Monday 23 May, the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) handed over to the villagers a building made up of three classrooms, along with latrines and 90 desks and tables, built by the First Bangladesh Battalion (BANBATT 1) based in Zuénoula. The project, which cost 11 million CFA francs (about US \$23,000) stands to enable 300 children to study under better conditions. Area residents turned up in large numbers at the handover ceremony to show their gratitude to UNOCI. Speaking at the ceremony, which he attended at the head of a strong delegation, the Prefect of Bouaké, M. Alali, called on residents to place the experience of the past few months, which he described as a sad period in Côte d'Ivoire's history, behind them and to unite and move forward resolutely towards peace. Sector West Commander Brigadier General Nazmul Hussein, who led



the UNOCI delegation, said he hoped the school would be a symbol of peace in the region and he urged the students to achieve their best possible results.

• Medals awarded to senegalese batallion based in yamoussoukro

The Deputy Force Commander of the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), Brigadier General Benjamin Freeman Kusi, decorated 233 peacekeepers from the Senegalese battalion (SENBATT), deployed since 2010 in Yamoussoukro, with the United Nations medal on 24 May 2011. The ceremony, attended by the Governor of Yamoussoukro District, Augustin Thiam, traditional chiefs and other personalities, provided Gen. Kusi with an opportunity to praise the work done by SENBATT. "Your peacekeeping know-how stems from a professionalism acquired through long experience," he stressed. "You earned the confidence of the high command, which entrusted you with the mission of UNOCI reserve force." He also lauded the good work done by the "Jambars" in providing security at the Golf Hotel, logistical support during the electoral process – including taking care of electoral material – and other actions on behalf of the population. SENBATT 11 Commander, Lt.-Col. Arona Diouf, indicated for his part that this was the 51st anniversary of Senegal's contribution of troops to



the promotion of peace in the world, to the restoration of peace and peacekeeping wherever the United Nations requests it to do so.

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4 Peace messages

Ban Ki-moon with displaced persons in Cocody

« I am happy to be with you but also very sad, because you have all been witness to terrible things. For all this I am deeply sorry. I want you to know that my heart is with you all. That is why I am here ... to express my solidarity with you, to offer help and hope that your lives will soon return to normal. »



5 Postelectoral situation :

Articles 20 and 21 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Article 20

Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association. No one may be compelled to belong to an association.

Article 21

Everyone has the right to take part in the government of

his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives. Everyone has the right of equal access to public service in his country. The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

6 Portrait : Adjakouma Marthe Kakou,

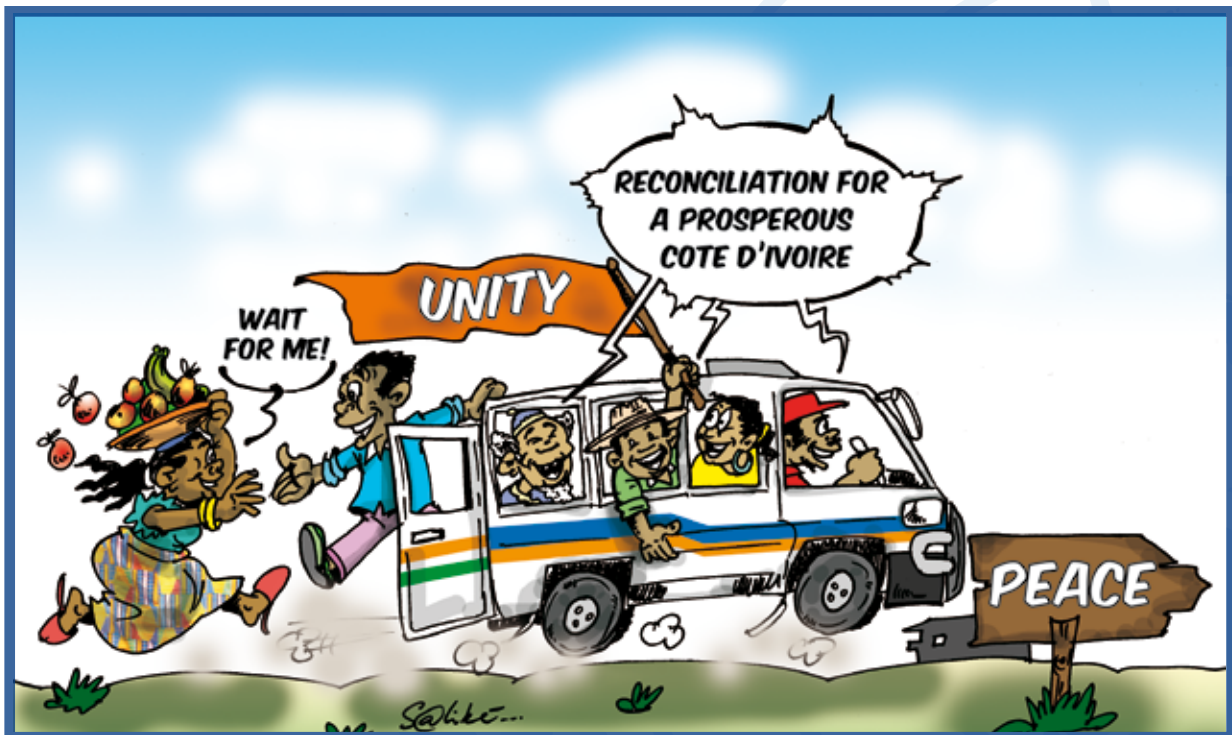
“working with colleagues of different nationalities and coming from other peacekeeping missions has enabled me to learn more”.

ONUCI FM. It's 12 noon. This newscast is presented by Marthe Kakou". The listeners have often heard this jingle for at the height of the crisis, Adjakouma Marthe Kakou was one of a tiny handful of people who presented the newscasts and news flashes on ONUCI FM, with the help of a small group of technicians whom she insists on mentioning by name: "Jean Pierre Yao, Antoine Kouassi and Morysson Ahmed." Marthe has had an interesting career. "Before joining this institution (ONUCI FM) in 2004, I first worked as a reporter and news presenter at the Ivorian TV, Number Two channel (TV2)," she says. That was from 1994 to May 2004. Marthe Kakou has a Bachelors Degree in Private Law, and a Masters in Public Law. In 1996, after spending two years at TV2, she passed the entry exam for the Institute of Science and Technology (ISTC), where she obtained the Diplôme des Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées (DESS) in journalism. Journalism thus overtook law as her main focus. How does she prepare her newscast? "I prepare my newscast with much care because I do not like improvisation on the air. A good newscast is above all a newscast that has been well prepared. Radio is a communication tool at the service of the population,



especially in a country in crisis, so it's important to pay attention to all messages that are broadcast. I arrive in the studio 10 minutes before the start of the first morning newscast at 7 am." Marthe hopes one day to work for the United Nations in another peacekeeping mission in Africa, Europe or elsewhere, or in a UN agency in another country. In the meantime, she is happy to have helped with the birth of Diomandé Ismael Teljan, born on 9 April 2011 at the Sebroko Medical Centre, but that's another story.

7 *Image of the week*



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

ONUFI FM the Radio for Peace, whose aim is to inform Ivorians about peace and national reconciliation, proposes its regular newscasts at 7h00, 8h00, 12h00 and 18h00 plus its news on the hour, from 9h00 onward. We also offer special reports and magazine programmes on society, health and sport. On Monday 30 May, **ONUFI FM** commemorates International Peacekeeping Day with interesting programmes such as an interview with the Head of the Rule of Law Division, Francoise Simard, who will give an overview of ONUCI's assistance to the Ivorian government, including the rehabilitation of courts in the Centre, North and West (CNO - French acronym) zone and training for staff and legal officers. Special emphasis will be placed on quick impact projects in our correspondents' reports from the field. On 31 March, ONUFI FM will focus on the fight against smoking on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day. Wednesday 1 June is the International Children's Day and **ONUFI FM** will mark the occasion by examining the

situation of children in Côte d'Ivoire. Then, on Thursday 2 June, the Radio of Peace will report on the people displaced from Yopougon, who have sought refuge in Port-Bouet and Grand Bassam. Our magazine on social cohesion, GARBADROME, to be aired on Monday 30 May at 09.40 a.m, focuses on looting. ON Tuesday 31 May at 09.40 a.m. you can hear more about the fight against alcohol and drug abuse. And don't miss the "Kpakpato Pressé", the press review that will make you split your sides with laughter, from Monday to Friday, at 10 a.m., followed at 10.50 a.m. by Le Temps des Enfants (Children's Corner) and its beautiful stories for the little ones. On Wednesday 1 June, the Health Chronicle will be devoted to "Passive Smoking and Diabetes". And on Thursday 2 June, within the framework of its collaboration with Search for Common Ground, **ONUFI FM** will feature a programme on alliances between the Abbey, Dida, Attié and Kroumen ethnic groups.

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