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INDIVIDUALS IN MILITARY CLOTHING FIRE ON UNOCI HEADQUARTERS

Abidjan, 18 December 2010... A United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) patrol carrying out its usual tasks in Abidjan on the night of Friday 17 to Saturday 18 December 2010 was followed by a group of six armed men dressed in military clothing on board a civilian vehicle.

On arriving outside the UNOCI headquarters in Sebroko, the occupants of the civilian vehicle fired shots in the direction of the UNOCI patrol as it entered the mission compound. The assailants continued firing along the wall of the compound, forcing the sentry to return their fire.

UNOCI reiterates its appeal for calm and serenity and calls on all parties concerned to avoid any recourse to violence.

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