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Albert Tévoédjrè, Special Representative of the Secretary-General meets President Laurent Gbagbo in Abidjan

Abidjan, le 18 March 2004 ---- The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Albert Tévoédjrè met President Laurent Gbagbo of Côte d'Ivoire today in Abidjan. During the meeting, M. Tévoédjrè assessed with the Head of State preparations pertaining to the deployment of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), in light of resolution 1528 unanimously adopted by the Security Council on 27 February 2004.

M. Tévoédjrè welcomed the support that Côte d'Ivoire has promised the United Nations with the aim of ensuring that the deployment of UN peacekeepers takes place in the best environment. The Security Council has indeed stressed that in Côte d'Ivoire, there must be a peace for UNOCI to keep and improve.

Finally, the Special Representative also discussed with the President of the Republic ways and means that would put and end to the current political crisis and ensure that the peace process is fully implemented.

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