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UNOCI CHIEF MEETS FORMER PRIME MINISTER CHARLES KONAN BANNY

Abidjan, 15 December 2010... The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, met with former Prime Minister Charles Konan Banny, to discuss the post-electoral situation in Côte d'Ivoire.

«I was an actor in this process and I would like to see it end in a magnificent and peaceful way, but I can see that we are at an impasse» said Mr. Banny at the end of the meeting at the Mission's headquarters in Seboko.

In the context which he described as « dramatic », the former Prime Minister said he had come to see the Special Representative to share some thoughts on the current situation in the country. «We are searching for ways to end the crisis but what we do not want is violence,» he added.

Charles Konan Banny was Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire from December 2005 to April 2007.

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