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TROOP- AND POLICE-CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES WELCOME THE WORK DONE BY UNOCI

New York, 3 February 2011...Troop- and police-contributing countries to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) on Thursday, 3 February 2011, reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the Mission's efforts to help restore peace in Côte d'Ivoire.

Following a presentation by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, many delegations welcomed the attitude adopted by UNOCI with a view to arriving at a peaceful resolution of the political impasse that arose after the second round of the presidential election in Côte d'Ivoire.

Various speakers highlighted the determining role played by the UNOCI chief in the preservation of peace. They also reiterated their commitment to provide the necessary support in troops and material to enable UNOCI to fulfill its mandate in maintaining peace and security as well as in the protection of the population.

The Special Representative expressed his gratitude to the delegations and gave clarifications on the support that the United Nations will provide to the diplomatic efforts to be initiated soon by the high-level panel established by the African Union at its 16th summit, held on 30-31 January 2011 in Addis Ababa.

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