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UNOCI CIVILIAN STAFF KILLED BY STRAY BULLET

Abidjan, 1st April 2011... The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) regrets to announce the death of Zahra Abidi, a civilian staff who was working as an information analyst at its Joint Operation Centre (JOC). Ms Abidi, a Swedish citizen, died on Thursday, 31 March 2011, after being hit by a stray bullet.

Ms Abidi, who started working with UNOCI on 6 April 2009, was single and aged 33. Before joining the JOC, she worked with UNOCI's Electoral Assistance Division for two years.

UNOCI extends its condolences to the Swedish government as well as the family of the deceased.

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