



PRESS RELEASE

UNOCI TRANSPORTS THE LAST TALLY SHEETS TO THE IEC HQ

Abidjan, 1st December 2010..... The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), in close collaboration with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), on **Wednesday** morning completed the transportation of tally sheets of the second round of the presidential poll to the IEC headquarters in Abidjan.

The tally sheets were transported from 10,000 polling areas to the 326 district electoral commissions, through the 70 departmental commissions and then the 19 regional commissions.

It should be stressed that there were no incidents or blockages. In all areas, UNOCI enjoyed excellent cooperation and support from the local population, the local electoral commissions and the Ivorian security forces. UNOCI sincerely thanks them all.

UNOCI recalls that the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, has often stressed the importance of the progressive announcement of the results of the presidential election with the aim of safeguarding them. UNOCI regrets that the IEC has not yet begun to publish the results of the second round.

Should there be any difficulties within the IEC, they must be resolved without delay, and according to democratic principles and rules.

In the meantime, UNOCI recalls the statement of the Secretary-General on the day after the second round, inviting the candidates, the parties and the Ivorian people to remain calm and serene, not to proclaim the results themselves, and to avoid any acts that could jeopardise the normal evolution of the electoral process.

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