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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **UNOCI CHIEF MEETS PRIME MINISTER AND IEC CHAIRMAN**

**Abidjan, 2 November 2010**

The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, on Tuesday in Abidjan once again congratulated Prime Minister Guillaume Soro and the Chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), Youssouf Bakayoko, on behalf of the international community, on the organization of the presidential election.

In his discussions with the Prime Minister, Mr. Choi reiterated the availability of the international community to continue its assistance to the Ivorian authorities so that the provisional results can be announced. A few minutes earlier, the Special Representative had said that same thing to the IEC Chairman at a meeting attended by several ambassadors accredited to Côte d'Ivoire.

«Ivorians surprised the international community and now it is necessary to safeguard the results, » said Mr. Choi after his meeting with Mr. Bakayoko.

Mr. Choi also said that they had identified some impediments to a rapid announcement of the results of the presidential election. "There are difficulties that Mr. Bakayoko pointed out to us, » he said, recalling that it was only the IEC which had the right to announce partial results.

The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) on Monday started transporting the ballot reports from the interior of the country to Abidjan.

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