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UNOCI ANNOUNCES THE DEATH OF THE HEAD OF ITS ELECTORAL DIVISION

Abidjan, 5 April 2011... The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) regretfully announces the death of the Director of its Electoral Assistance Division, Ahmedou El Becaye Seck, on Monday 4 April 2011 in an airplane accident in Kinshasa.

The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, rendered homage to Mr. Seck on Tuesday 5 April 2011, in Abidjan.

"He was an experienced collaborator, who had expert knowledge of electoral issues and who made it possible to organize the presidential election in Côte d'Ivoire in exemplary conditions," Mr. Choi said.

He said Mr. Seck, who was on attachment to the United Nations Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO), was one of the UN's best electoral experts.

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