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THE UN WANTS TO SUPPORT THE NEW AUTHORITIES IN COTE D'IVOIRE

Abidjan, 6 May 2011.... “We are here to meet the new Ivorian authorities and see in what way the United Nations can assist them,” the Director of the Africa Division of the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Raisedon Zenenga said after discussions with Prime Minister Guillaume Soro in Abidjan on Friday, 6 May 2011.

Mr. Zenenga who is leading a UN Technical Assessment Mission, indicated that during the meeting, several issues were discussed especially the new role the UN peacekeeping mission is expected to play as its current mandate draws to a close.

“Besides, we made proposals to the Prime Minister and he, in return, informed us of the priorities of his government,” Mr. Zenenga stressed.

It should be noted that this is not the first assignment of the Technical Assessment Mission to Cote d'Ivoire (TAM). TAM has carried out regular assignments in the field in the past.

During its current 2-week mission, Mr. Zenenga and his team would be meeting political actors, members of civil society of Cote d'Ivoire and members of the international community.

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