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UNOCI CHIEF MEETS PRESIDENT ALASSANE OUATTARA

Abidjan, 9 December 2010... The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, discussed the post-electoral situation with President Alassane Ouattara in Abidjan on Thursday.

Speaking after the meeting at the Golf Hotel, Mr. Choi told journalists that he would be increasing his press conferences because of the developments in the electoral process.

« From now we will organise two press conferences each week because the situation is still sensitive and you are invited to take part in them, » said the head of UNOCI.

Responding to a question as to whether he was going to meet President Laurent Gbagbo, the Special Representative said he was ready to pay him a visit at any time.

This was the first meeting between the head of UNOCI and Mr. Ouattara since the certification of the second round of the presidential election which confirmed his victory. At a press conference yesterday Mr. Choi explained the methodology of his certification of the presidential poll, adding that it was not about interference but about executing his mandate, which had been accepted by the Ivorian authorities.

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