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**UN ASSESSMENT MISSION MEETS PRESIDENT OUATTARA**

**Abidjan, 11 May 2011...** “The technical mission listened attentively to what President Ouattara told us were the main priorities for the country and we are ready to help,” said Raisedon Zenenga, the Director of the Africa2 Division of the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) on Tuesday 11 May 2011 in Abidjan, after a meeting with Ivorian President Alassane Ouattara.

The head of the delegation explained that the aim of the meeting was “to see what the main challenges facing the country are, define the priorities and the role that the United Nations can play to help the government meet its priorities”.

The mission, which arrived in Côte d'Ivoire almost ten days ago, has already met several international and Ivorian stakeholders and visited the interior of the country including the west and the north. “We have heard different points of views and received lots of suggestions,” said Mr. Zenenga.

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