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UNOCI CHIEF DISCUSSES POST-ELECTORAL SITUATION WITH ARCHBISHOP OF ABIDJAN

Abidjan, 11 December 2010... The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, on Saturday, 11 December 2010, discussed the post-electoral situation with the Catholic Archbishop of Abidjan, Cardinal Jean-Pierre Kutwa.

"I came in search of the spiritual guidance of the Cardinal during these difficult moments," said Mr. Choi, after the meeting at St. Paul's Cathedral in Abidjan.

"We tried, with the Special Representative, to see what could be done to save this nation. For us, we are asking God to help us find what needs to be done," said Monsignor Kutwa. In this regard, he announced that a week of prayer and fasting will start on Monday. "In this kind of situation we have to look to God," he added.

Since the end of the second round of the presidential poll, the chief of UNOCI has increased his contacts with Ivorian actors and the diplomatic corps in an attempt to find a peaceful solution to the current political impasse.

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