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UNOCI CONDEMNS DEADLY VIOLENCE IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Abidjan, 16 March 2011... The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (ONUCI) vigorously condemns the deadly violence that is increasingly taking hold in many Ivorian towns and, in particular, the District of Abidjan.

On the night of Tuesday 15 March 2010, 18 persons, including three women and a baby, who were wounded by a grenade thrown by unidentified individuals in Attecoubé, were admitted to UNOCI's medical clinic. Another person who was on the scene of the incident died before he could be attended to.

UNOCI considers it imperative to put an end, immediately, to this escalation of violence that jeopardizes peace, social cohesion and national reconciliation.

UNOCI reiterates its urgent appeal to all parties to exercise restraint and wisdom, and to cease the clashes, which are causing grief to families and make it more difficult to resolve the current political impasse.

UNOCI remains ready to contribute to ensuring the return of calm and reducing the suffering of the Ivorian people, in accordance with its mandate and resources.

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