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UNOCI DEPLORES THE LEVEL OF POST-ELECTORAL VIOLENCE

Abidjan, 22 February 2011... The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) strongly deplores the level of violence reached over the past few days during demonstrations in the city of Abidjan and surrounding areas.

While condemning the disproportionate use of force, including the use of heavy weapons, which resulted in dozens of people being killed or wounded, UNOCI calls on all parties to exercise restraint at a time when political and diplomatic efforts are under way at the highest level to find a peaceful solution to the Ivorian post-electoral crisis.

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