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UNOCI CHIEF EXCHANGES INFORMATION WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Abidjan, 23 February 2011 ...The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, met on Wednesday, 23 February 2011, with the members of the diplomatic corps within the framework of their periodic exchanges of information.

« This period coincides with the visit of the panel of five heads of state mandated by the African Union for the settlement of the post-election crisis,” the head of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) told the press after the meeting, which lasted about an hour, at UNOCI's headquarters. In this regard, he stressed that the panel's visit had generated great hope. “We do not yet have the result of the discussions and we hope for the best from them,” he said.

Mr. Choi also indicated that the director of UNOCI's Human Rights Division, Simon Munzu, had made a presentation at today's meeting on the interim report on the human rights situation in Côte d'Ivoire, to be published in a few days time.

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