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UNOCI WILL HELP COTE D'IVOIRE CLOSE THE POST-ELECTION PARENTHESIS

Abidjan, 31 December 2010 ... The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) and the entire international community are mobilized to help the Ivorian people to close the painful parenthesis of the post-election period and ensure the definitive return of peace in this beautiful country, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi, said on Friday.

In his end-of-year message, Mr. Choi stated that the Ivorian people had registered a great victory and a bitter disappointment. "A great victory," he said, "because they surprised the world with the holding of an exemplary election worthy of a developed democracy; a bitter disappointment because they saw their democratically expressed will ignored by a group of political actors."

The UNOCI chief said he was confident that the Ivorian people will be able to overcome, once again, the transitory difficulties of the moment.

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