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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 104TH MEETING OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 104th meeting held on 20 December 2007, adopted the following decision on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire:

Council,

1. **Takes note** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire [PSC/PR/2(CIV)];
2. **Reiterates** AU's support to the Ouagadougou Political Agreement of 4 March 2007 and to the Supplementary Agreement of 26 March 2007, signed by the Ivorian Parties within the framework of the Direct Dialogue facilitated by President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso, current Chairperson of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);
3. **Notes with satisfaction** the encouraging developments occurring in Côte d'Ivoire since the signing of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and the progress made in the implementation of the said Agreement, in particular the efforts aimed at promoting confidence; the removal of the zone of confidence and its replacement by a green line; the deployment of mixed police units along the green line; the establishment of the integrated command centre charged with the task of supervising the implementation of the military and security aspects of the Ouagadougou Agreement; the re-launching of the mobile courts hearings for the identification of the population, and the measures taken for the re-establishment of state administration;
4. **Urges** the parties to intensify their efforts in order to speed up the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and, in this respect, to take all steps required to complete successfully the identification process of the population and the voter registration, the disarmament and dismantlement of the militias, the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) programme, the effective re-establishment of state authority throughout the country and the re-establishment of state administration, as well as the unification and restructuring of the defense and security forces;
5. **Welcomes** the conclusion, on 28 November 2007, of the second and third Supplementary Agreements between President Laurent Gbagbo and Prime Minister Guillaume Soro under the auspices of President Blaise Compaoré, by which they committed themselves to accelerate the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and to address the pending issues in the peace process in order to make it possible to hold a presidential election by the end of the first semester of 2008, at the latest, based on a calendar to be proposed to the Government by the Independent Electoral Commission, as well as the subsequent designation of the technical operator to conduct the identification;
6. **Decides** to endorse the 2nd and 3rd Supplementary Agreements to the Ouagadougou Political Agreement, signed on 28 November 2007, and **invites** the United Nations Security Council to also endorse these two Agreements;

7. **Encourages** all the Ivorian political forces and civil society to spare no efforts to consolidate the peace momentum in the country, and to contribute to the creation of conditions conducive to the organization of a presidential election at the end of the first semester of 2008, at the latest;
8. **Pays tribute** to the Facilitator of the Direct Dialogue, President Blaise Compaoré, for his tireless efforts, which made possible the progress achieved in the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire, **urges** him to remain involved until the successful conclusion of the ongoing process, and **requests** the parties to extend full cooperation to him;
9. **Calls on** the United Nations and the international community as a whole to continue to support the efforts deployed by the Ivorian parties, and to provide the necessary financial, logistical and technical assistance for the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement. Council **stresses** the urgent need for all partners concerned to honor the pledges made during the Donors' Round Table held in Abidjan on 18 July 2007;
10. **Takes note** of the request made by the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire for the lifting of the measures imposed by resolution 1572(2004) of the United Nations Security Council;
11. **Encourages** the Commission to continue to support the implementation process of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and the Supplementary Agreements;
12. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.