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TO: Mr. S. Iqbal Riza
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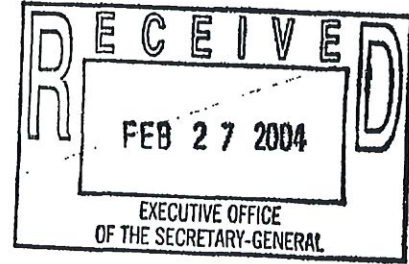
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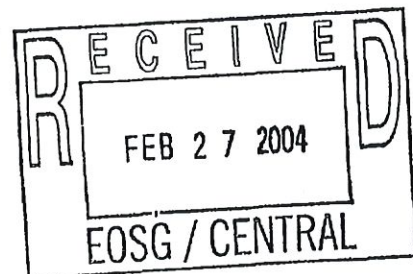
FROM: Joseph Stephanides, Director *H.H.*
DE: Security Council Affairs Division, DPA

SUBJECT: *for*
OBJET: Security Council: Report on activities



Attached please find, for the information of the Secretary-General, a note on the proceedings of the Security Council on Friday, 27 February 2004.

cc: The Deputy Secretary-General
Mr. K. Prendergast



PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Friday, 27 February 2004

FORMAL MEETING

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

At the 4918th meeting (S/PV.4918), the Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1528 (2004) (Attachment) by which, *inter alia*, it decided to establish the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) for an initial period of 12 months as from 4 April 2004. Following the vote, the Secretary-General noted, *inter alia*, that there were some hard-line elements among the various Ivorian parties who remained determined to undermine the peace process. He stressed that they must not be allowed to succeed and underlined that the international community must therefore provide support to those who were working to promote peace in Côte d'Ivoire.

The Secretary-General recalled that in his report of 6 January 2004 (S/2004/3), he had recommended the deployment of a UN peacekeeping operation in Côte d'Ivoire. Such an operation, which had been requested by all Ivorian parties, would send a clear message that the international community supported the Ivorian peace process and was determined to play its role in the maintenance of peace and security in Africa. He maintained that there was no doubt that the deployment of a UN operation in Côte d'Ivoire would have a positive impact on the efforts to stabilize the West Africa sub-region as a whole, and he added that he was particularly pleased that the UN offices and missions in the sub-region had already begun to work in close cooperation. In that context, he intended to present proposals concerning a residual UN presence in Sierra Leone in his next report to the Council in March.

In closing, the Secretary-General maintained that the progress made by the Ivorian parties in recent weeks had given fresh impetus to the peace process, and that the adoption of the resolution by the Council showed that the international community was determined to support that progress and to help ensure that "there is no turning back".

Programme of work

Monday, 1 March 2004

No meetings or consultations of the whole are scheduled.

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