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Situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire in relation to the conclusion of the 2010 presidential election

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relevant international human rights instruments,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

Recalling further Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007,

Bearing in mind the resolutions and declarations adopted by international, regional and subregional organizations on the elections that took place in Côte d'Ivoire, in relation to the conclusion of the 2010 presidential election,

Acknowledging also the communiqué of the 252nd and 254th meetings of the African Union Peace and Security Council of 9 December and 21 December 2010, respectively, and the final communiqué on the Extraordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States on Côte d'Ivoire of 7 December 2010,

Deeply concerned about the atrocities and violations of human rights committed in Côte d'Ivoire in relation to the conclusion of the 2010 presidential election,

Also deeply concerned at the humanitarian consequences of the current situation,

1. *Strongly condemns* human rights violations that have taken place in Côte d'Ivoire, including abductions, enforced or involuntary disappearances, arbitrary detentions, extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, acts of sexual violence, denial of right to peaceful assembly, the loss of lives and the acts of destruction of property that occurred in different parts of Côte d'Ivoire in relation to the conclusion of the 2010 presidential election;

2. *Calls upon* all the relevant parties to immediately put an end to all human rights violations in Côte d'Ivoire and to fully respect all human rights and fundamental freedoms and the rule of law;

3. *Urges* all actors, particularly defence and security forces, to refrain from violence and to respect all human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as to assume their responsibilities for the protection of the civilian population;

4. *Urges also* all media outlets to refrain from inciting violence, hostility and the propaganda of hate speech and calls for an end to the restriction on media sources;

5. *Expresses its support* for the Economic Community of West African States, the African Union, and other international, regional and subregional efforts to protect the legitimacy of the electoral process in Côte d'Ivoire, and to ensure respect for the rights of Ivorians and all foreigners in the country, as well as for the Economic Community of West African States and African Union efforts to promote peace, democracy and reconciliation, in accordance with the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and its Supplementary Agreements;

6. *Calls upon* States Members of the United Nations, relevant United Nations agencies and international financial institutions to provide technical assistance and capacity-building to Côte d'Ivoire, upon its request;

7. *Encourages* relevant thematic special-procedures mandate holders, within their respective mandates, to pay particular attention to the assessment and monitoring of the human rights situation in Côte d'Ivoire in relation to the conclusion of the 2010 presidential election, with a view to reporting to the Council accordingly;

8. *Underlines* that the legitimate Government of Côte d'Ivoire has the primary responsibility to make every effort to strengthen the protection of the civilian population and to investigate and bring to justice perpetrators of violations of human rights and of international humanitarian law, and calls upon the international community to support the Government of Côte d'Ivoire in stabilizing the situation in the country;

9. *Urges* all parties to cooperate fully with the operations of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire in its efforts to protect and promote human rights;

10. *Requests* the international community to assist in addressing the humanitarian consequences of the crisis, including the adverse socio-economic impact on the most vulnerable populations of Côte d'Ivoire society and to exert the necessary efforts to gain unhindered access to refugees and internally displaced persons;

11. *Stresses* the importance for all Ivorians of sparing no efforts towards the preservation of peace, security and promotion and protection of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire and for the strengthening of democratic institutions in the country, which are necessary to the entrenchment of national reconciliation, lasting peace, rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights;

12. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to inform and present a report to the Council on the abuses and violations of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire in relation to the conclusion of the 2010 presidential election;

13. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter and to take appropriate measures, in accordance with Council resolution 5/1, if the human rights situation on the ground deteriorates.

2nd meeting
23 December 2010
[Adopted without a vote.]