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### **Letter dated 8 April 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire issued on 8 April 2004 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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**Annex to the letter dated 8 April 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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**Statement on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire issued on 8 April 2004 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union**

Referring to the Presidency's statement of 25 and 26 March, the European Union:

1. Deeply deplores the events of 25 March and subsequent days, which call into question the process of reconciliation in Côte d'Ivoire;
2. Expresses its sincere condolences to the families of the victims of those events;
3. Is concerned at reports of raids and other serious violations of human rights in the days that followed;
4. Welcomes the fact that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has announced the setting up of an international commission of inquiry to investigate those events;
5. Calls on the Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to take all necessary measures to restore confidence in the security forces and guarantee the safety and human rights of all Ivorian and foreign nationals in the country;
6. Reiterates its firm belief that full implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement is the only solution to the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire;
7. Emphasizes the importance of the efforts made by the Monitoring Committee, firstly to prevent these events and later to re-establish coexistence by encouraging the implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement;
8. Urges all parties which signed the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement to resume political dialogue and participate again in the Government of National Reconciliation;
9. Emphasizes the importance of prompt deployment of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in Côte d'Ivoire in support of full implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement by the Government of National Reconciliation in the run-up to the elections scheduled for October 2005;
10. Supports the long-term efforts being made by the United Nations and ECOWAS to help the parties concerned to find a solution to the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire.

The acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

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