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**Letter dated 9 November 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In my capacity as the representative of the current Chairman of the African Union, I have the honour to transmit herewith a communiqué adopted by the Peace and Security Council of the African Union at its nineteenth session, held on 8 November 2004 in Addis Ababa, concerning the situation in Côte d'Ivoire (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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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Nigeria  
Representative of the current Chairman of the African Union

**Annex to the letter dated 9 November 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria of the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

**Communiqué of the nineteenth session of the Peace and Security Council**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), meeting in its nineteenth session, on 8 November 2004, to discuss the situation in Côte d'Ivoire:

1. *Expresses its deep concern* at the recent deterioration in the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, as a result of the lack of progress in the implementation of the commitments entered into by the parties in the Accra III Agreement, particularly the recent attacks launched by the Government forces on localities in the northern part of the country;
2. *Endorses* the statement of 6 November 2004, issued at Ota, Nigeria, following AU/ECOWAS high-level consultations under the auspices of the AU Chairperson, President Olusegun Obasanjo, and the statement of 7 November 2004, issued by the Chairperson of the AU Commission, Mr. Alpha Oumar Konaré;
3. *Urges* the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and all the parties involved in the crisis to exercise maximum restraint, and to maintain calm and ensure the safety and protection of all life and property. The Council further urges all the parties to desist from any pronouncements that incite hatred and violence and, rather, take measures that will reduce tension and foster national reconciliation and unity;
4. *Expresses deep concern* at the serious deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Côte d'Ivoire and appeals to the international community and humanitarian agencies to provide the necessary assistance to the affected population. In this regard, the Council urges all the parties to create an environment conducive to the safe delivery of humanitarian assistance;
5. *Reiterates* the imperative need for a political solution to the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire; and urges all the parties to put an immediate end to military actions and other hostile acts. The Council further urges them to recommit themselves to the path of dialogue and negotiations, based on the Linas-Marcoussis and Accra III Agreements;
6. *Calls upon* all the parties to fully cooperate with UNOCI and the Licorne forces in maintaining peace and security in the country. In this regard, the Council welcomes the decision by the United Nations Security Council on the strengthening of the mandate of UNOCI. The Council further calls upon Member States to stand ready to contribute to the expansion of the UNOCI forces, should the need arise;
7. *Expresses support* for the decision taken by the AU Chairperson, following the Ota high-level AU/ECOWAS consultations, to mandate President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa to undertake an urgent mission in consultation with the Chairperson of the AU Commission, with a view to promoting a political solution. In this regard, the Council calls upon its members to extend full support to President Mbeki in his mission;
8. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.