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**Letter dated 11 March 2011 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire, established by the Security Council by its resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, whose mandate was renewed by the Council in its resolution 1962 (2010) of 20 December 2010.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Major General Gnakoudè Béréna (Togo) as Force Commander of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire. Major General Béréna will replace Major General Abdul Hafiz (Bangladesh), whose tour of duty will end on 22 March 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Major General Hafiz for his contribution to the Operation.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

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