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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire

Note verbale dated 27 April 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire and has the honour to submit with this note the second report of Switzerland prepared pursuant to paragraph 7 of Security Council resolution 1643 (2005) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 27 April 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Report of Switzerland prepared pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 1643 (2005)

In its resolution 1643 (2005) of 15 December 2005, the Security Council requests all States to report to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) on the actions they have taken to implement the measures imposed by paragraphs 7, 9 and 11 of resolution 1572 (2004) and by paragraphs 4 and 6 of resolution 1643 (2005).

On 15 February 2005, Switzerland submitted an initial report to the Committee on the actions taken to implement the measures imposed by resolution 1572 (2004).

On 19 January 2005, the Swiss Federal Council (the Govt) adopted an ordinance instituting measures against Côte d'Ivoire (hereinafter referred to as "the ordinance"). Through this ordinance, which entered into force on 20 January 2005, Switzerland is implementing resolutions 1572 (2004), 1584 (2005) and 1643 (2005).

Paragraph 7 of resolution 1572 (2004)

Article 1 of the ordinance prohibits the "supply, sale or transfer to Côte d'Ivoire of military equipment of any kind, particularly military aircraft and other materiel". The same article further prohibits "the provision to Côte d'Ivoire of any assistance, advice or training related to military activities". Prior to the entry into force of the ordinance, the ban on supplying military equipment to Côte d'Ivoire, imposed by resolution 1572 (2004), was implemented through the Federal Law on War Materiel of 13 December 1996 and the Federal Law on the Control of Assets of the same date, and by their respective implementing legislation.

Paragraphs 9 and 11 of resolution 1572 (2004)

Article 2 of the ordinance provides for the freezing of assets and economic resources (and includes a ban on making assets or economic resources available to designated persons and entities), in accordance with paragraph 11 of resolution 1572 (2004). Article 4 of the ordinance bans entry into and transit through Switzerland in accordance with paragraph 9 of the resolution. On 28 February 2006, the names of three persons designated by the Committee on 7 February 2006 were included in the annex to the ordinance, which contains the list of persons targeted by the coercive measures laid down in articles 2 and 4.

Paragraph 4 of resolution 1643 (2005)

Switzerland considers that this paragraph is directed at the sanctions Committee and contains no measures directly applicable by Member States.

Paragraph 6 of resolution 1643 (2005)

As a country participating in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme, Switzerland fully supports the measures adopted by the Kimberley Process meeting in plenary session in Moscow in November 2005. In order to prevent the entry into Swiss territory of any rough diamonds from Côte d'Ivoire, the customs authorities have been instructed to turn away all consignments from Côte d'Ivoire intended for importation into Switzerland or admission to the free port.