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<i>President:</i>	Ms. Dlamini Zuma .....	(South Africa)
<i>Members:</i>	Belgium .....	Mr. Belle
	China .....	Mr. Du Xiacong
	Congo .....	Mr. Ikouebe
	France .....	Mr. De La Sablière
	Ghana .....	Mr. Christian
	Indonesia .....	Mr. Jenie
	Italy .....	Mr. Mantovani
	Panama .....	Mr. Suescum
	Peru .....	Mr. Gallardo
	Qatar .....	Mr. Al-Bader
	Russian Federation .....	Mr. Smirnov
	Slovakia .....	Mr. Mlynár
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . .	Ms. Moir
	United States of America .....	Ms. Wolcott Sanders

## Agenda

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

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*The meeting was called to order at 5.25 p.m.*

### **Adoption of the agenda**

*The agenda was adopted.*

### **The situation in Côte d'Ivoire**

**The President:** I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Côte d'Ivoire in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Djedje (Côte d'Ivoire) took a seat at the Council table.*

**The President:** The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to document S/2007/144, containing a letter from the Secretary-General dated 13 March 2007.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the Agreement signed by President Laurent Gbagbo and Mr. Guillaume Soro in Ouagadougou on 4 March 2007 under the facilitation of the Chairperson of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso (S/2007/144). It commends the parties signatory to the Agreement for the spirit of compromise and the sense of responsibility they have displayed, and pays tribute to President Blaise Compaoré for his efforts to facilitate the conclusion of the Agreement.

"The Security Council takes note of the commitments of the parties to its resolutions on Côte d'Ivoire, including resolution 1721 (2006), and underlines that the Ouagadougou Agreement provides a good basis for a comprehensive and all-inclusive settlement of the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire through the organization of credible elections.

"The Security Council takes note of the recommendations of ECOWAS and of the African Union. It endorses the Ouagadougou Agreement of 4 March 2007 and calls upon the Ivorian parties to implement it fully, in good faith and within the timetable set out in the Agreement.

"The Security Council commends the outgoing Prime Minister, Mr. Charles Konan Banny, whose tireless efforts permitted progress in the implementation of the peace process and contributed to restoring a climate of confidence in Côte d'Ivoire.

"The Security Council takes note of the agreement among the parties on the institutional arrangements, as indicated by the letter dated 27 March 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the President of the Security Council, and supports the appointment of Mr. Guillaume Soro as Prime Minister.

"The Security Council expresses its readiness to take further steps, in the light of the progress achieved, in order to help the parties in implementing their commitments and to support the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire, in particular the electoral process. It requests the Secretary-General to submit to it recommendations by 15 May 2007 on the role that the United Nations should play to support the implementation of the peace process, taking into account the latest developments in Côte d'Ivoire."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

*The meeting rose at 5.35 p.m.*