

## Côte d'Ivoire: UN chief welcomes country's return to calm after unrest

17 May 2017 – United Nations [Secretary-General](#) António Guterres has commended the Government of Côte d'Ivoire for restoring security following a mutiny over pay, his spokesperson said.

The Secretary-General welcomes the return to calm in Côte d'Ivoire following the unacceptable acts of violence committed by soldiers of the Forces Armées de Côte d'Ivoire (FACI) over the past few days, [said](#) Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesman for the Secretary-General, in a statement issued overnight.

The Secretary-General expresses the United Nations continued support to the Government of Côte d'Ivoire in its efforts to sustain the hard-won gains of peace and stability in the country, including with the assistance of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire ([UNOCI](#)) and other international actors, [Mr. Dujarric said](#).

The unrest took place as UNOCI prepares to complete its mission on 30 June. The Mission was established 13 years ago by the Security Council, following a peace agreement by parties to a civil war.

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## Anaemic economic growth in some regions hampers progress on Global Goals, UN report finds

16 May 2017 – Over the last six months, global economic progress has predictably picked up, but low-level growth in some regions has tempered efforts to meet globally agreed development goals, according to a new United Nations report launched today in New York.

In a statement on the 2017 UN World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) [report](#), Lenni Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, underscored the “need to [reinvigorate global commitments](#) to international policy coordination to achieve a balanced and sustained revival of global growth, ensuring that no regions are left behind.”

The WESP report identified revived global trade, citing a tentative recovery in world industrial production driven by rising import demand from East Asia. However, economic recovery in South America is emerging more slowly than

anticipated, and gross domestic product (GDP) per capita is declining or stagnant in several parts of Africa.

According to the report, firmer growth in many economies, both developed and in transition, underpin global economic recovery – with East and South Asia remaining the world's most dynamic regions.

During a press conference at UN Headquarters, Diana Alarcón, Chief of the Global Economic Monitoring Unit told journalists the report “confirms that at the global level, economic growth has strengthened in recent months in line with the forecast presented in January.”

She said “industrial production has picked up, world trade is reviving, and economic sentiment has generally improved. World Gross Product is expected to expand by 2.7 percent in 2017 and 2.9 percent in 2018.”

However, she said, “the modest strengthening of economic activity has not been evenly spread across countries” as “recovery remains insufficient in many regions for rapid progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals ([SDGs](#)).”