<u>Côte d'Ivoire: UN chief welcomes</u> <u>country's return to calm after unrest</u>

17 May 2017 — United Nations <u>Secretary-General</u> 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.