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**Resolution 2153 (2014)**

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*The Security Council,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions and the statements of its President relating to the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, in particular resolutions [1880 \(2009\)](#), [1893 \(2009\)](#), [1911 \(2010\)](#), [1933 \(2010\)](#), [1946 \(2010\)](#), [1962 \(2010\)](#), [1975 \(2011\)](#), [1980 \(2011\)](#), [2000 \(2011\)](#), [2045 \(2012\)](#), [2062 \(2012\)](#), [2101 \(2013\)](#), and [2112 \(2013\)](#),

*Reaffirming* its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and unity of Côte d'Ivoire, and recalling the importance of the principles of good-neighbourliness, non-interference and regional cooperation,

*Welcoming* the special report of the Secretary-General dated 24 December 2013 ([S/2013/761](#)), and *noting* the 2013 midterm report ([S/2013/605](#)), and the 2014 Final report ([S/2014/266](#)), of the United Nations Group of Experts,

*Welcoming* the overall progress towards restoring security, peace and stability in Côte d'Ivoire, commending the President and Government of Côte d'Ivoire's continued efforts to stabilize the security situation and accelerate economic recovery in Côte d'Ivoire and strengthen international and regional cooperation, and notably enhanced cooperation with the governments of Ghana and Liberia, and *calling upon* all national stakeholders to work together to consolidate the progress made so far and to address the underlying causes of tension and conflict,

*Recognizing* the continued contribution the measures imposed by resolutions [1572 \(2004\)](#), [1643 \(2005\)](#), [1975 \(2011\)](#) and [1980 \(2011\)](#), as modified by later resolutions, make to the stability of Côte d'Ivoire, including by countering the illicit transfer of small arms and light weapons in Côte d'Ivoire, as well as in supporting post-conflict peacebuilding, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) and security sector reform (SSR), and *stressing* that these measures aim at supporting the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire,





(c) supplies of arms and related lethal materiel to the Ivoirian security forces, intended solely for the support of or use in the Ivoirian process of SSR, as notified in advance to the Committee established by paragraph 14 of the resolution [1572 \(2004\)](#), except for those arms and related lethal materiel which are set out in the Annex of this resolution, which require the advance approval of the Committee established by paragraph 14 of resolution [1572 \(2004\)](#);

5. *Decides* that the Committee shall add, remove or clarify items on the list of arms and related lethal materiel specified in the Annex of this resolution, as appropriate;

6. *Decides*, for the period referred to in paragraph 1 above, that the Ivorian authorities shall notify or request approval in advance, as appropriate, from the Committee for any shipments of items referred to in paragraph 3(c) above, *further decides* that the Member State delivering assistance may, in the alternative, make this notification or approval request pursuant to paragraph 3(c) after informing the Government of Côte d'Ivoire that it intends to do so;

7. *Requests* the Ivoirian Government ensure that notifications and approval requests sent to the Sanctions Committee contain all relevant information, including the purpose of the use and end user, including the intended destination unit in the Ivoirian Security Forces or the intended place of storage, the technical specifications, quantity of the equipment to be shipped, details of the manufacturer and supplier of the equipment, the proposed date of delivery, mode of transportation and itinerary of shipments; *further stresses* the importance of a specific focus on detailed explanations for how the requested equipment will support security sector reform; and *emphasizes* that such notifications and approval requests include information about any intended modification of non-lethal equipment into lethal equipment;

8. *Decides* that the Ivoirian authorities shall submit biannual reports to the Committee by 30 September 2015 and by 30 March 2015 on progress achieved in relation to DDR and SSR;

9. *Encourages* Ivorian authorities to consult with UNOCI, within its existing mandate and resources, to ensure notifications and authorisation requests contain the required information;

10. *Urges* the Government of Côte d'Ivoire to allow the Group of Experts and UNOCI access to the exempted arms and lethal materiel at the time of import and before the transfer to the end user takes place, *stresses* that the Government of Côte d'Ivoire shall mark the arms and related lethal materiel when received in the territory of Côte d'Ivoire, *urges* the Government of Côte d'Ivoire to maintain a registry of all arms and materials owned by national security forces, with a specific attention to small arms and light weapons, with a view of improving tracking and monitoring of their circulation;

11. *Decides* to review the measures decided in paragraphs above in light of the progress achieved in the stabilization throughout the country, by the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 1, in accordance with progress achieved in relation to DDR and SSR, national reconciliation and the fight against impunity;

12. *Decides* to renew until 30 April 2015 the financial and travel measures imposed by paragraphs 9 to 12 of resolution [1572 \(2004\)](#) and paragraph 12 of

resolution 1975 (2011) and stresses its intention to review the continued listing of individuals subject to such measures provided they engage in actions that further the objective of national reconciliation;

13. *Decides* to terminate as of the date of adoption of this resolution the measures preventing the importation by any State of all rough diamonds from Côte d'Ivoire imposed by paragraph 6 of resolution 1643 (2005), in light of progress made towards Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) implementation and better governance of the sector;

14. *Requests* Côte d'Ivoire to update the Security Council, through the Committee, on its progress in implementing its Action Plan for diamonds, including on any enforcement activities involving illegal smuggling, development of its customs regime, and reporting of financial flows from diamonds; *encourages* Côte d'Ivoire to host a KP review visit within nine months following the date of adoption of this resolution to include a representative from the Group of Experts; and further *encourages* Côte d'Ivoire's continued participation in the regional cooperation and law enforcement activities, such as the KP's Mano River Basin initiative;

15. *Invites* the KPCS, in particular, its Working Groups on Monitoring and Statistics, to communicate information, as appropriate, regarding Côte d'Ivoire's compliance with the KPCS to the Security Council, through the Committee, and when possible, for review by the Group of Experts; *encourages* donors to support Côte d'Ivoire's efforts by sharing related information and providing technical assistance;

16. *Calls upon* the Government of Côte d'Ivoire to take the necessary steps to enforce the measures imposed by paragraph 1 above, including by incorporating relevant provisions in its national legal framework;

17. *Calls upon* all Member States, in particular those in the subregion, to fully implement the measures mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 6 above;

18. *Expresses* its continued concern about the instability in western Côte d'Ivoire, *welcomes* and *further encourages* the coordinated action by authorities from neighbouring countries to address this issue, particularly with respect to the border area, including through continuing monitoring, information sharing and conducting coordinated actions, and in developing and implementing a shared border strategy to inter alia support the disarmament and repatriation of foreign armed elements on both sides of the border;

19. *Encourages* UNOCI and the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), within their respective mandates, capabilities and areas of deployment, to continue to coordinate closely in assisting respectively the Governments of Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia in monitoring their border, and *welcomes* continued cooperation between the Group of Experts and the Panel of Experts on Liberia appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution 1854 (2008);

20. *Urges* all illegal Ivorian armed combatants, including in neighbouring countries, to lay down their arms immediately, *encourages* UNOCI, within its mandate and limits of capabilities and areas of deployment, to continue to assist the Government of Côte d'Ivoire in collecting and storing the arms and registering all relevant information related to those arms and further *calls upon* the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, including the National Commission to Fight Against the Proliferation

and Illicit Traffic of Small Arms and Light Weapons, to ensure that those arms are neutralized or not illegally disseminated, in accordance with the ECOWAS Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Their Ammunition and Other Associated Materials;

21. *Recalls* that UNOCI, within the monitoring of the arms embargo, is mandated to collect, as appropriate, arms and any related materiel brought into Côte d'Ivoire in violation of the measures imposed by paragraph 1 of this resolution, and to dispose of such arms and related materiel as appropriate;

22. *Reiterates* the necessity for the Ivorian authorities to provide unhindered access to the Group of Experts, as well as UNOCI and the French forces which support it, to equipment, sites and installations referred to in paragraph 2(a) of resolution 1584 (2005), and to all weapons, ammunition and related materiel of all armed security forces, regardless of location, including the arms issued from the collection referred to in paragraph 10 or 11 above, when appropriate and without notice, as set out in its resolutions 1739 (2007), 1880 (2009), 1933 (2010), 1962 (2010), 1980 (2011), 2062 (2012), and 2112 (2013);

23. *Requests* all States concerned, in particular those in the subregion, to cooperate fully with the Committee, and *authorizes* the Committee to request whatever further information it may consider necessary;

24. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts as set out in paragraph 7 of resolution 1727 (2006) for a period of 13 months until 30 May 2015 and *requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to support its action;

25. *Reiterates* that paragraph 7(b) of resolution 1727 (2006) includes a mandate for the Group of Experts to gather and analyse all relevant information on sources of financing, including from the exploitation of natural resources in Côte d'Ivoire, for the purchase of arms and related materiel and activities and notes that pursuant to paragraph 12(a) of resolution 1727 (2006) those who are determined to be a threat to the peace and national reconciliation process in Côte d'Ivoire through the illicit trafficking of natural resources, including diamonds and gold, may be designated by the Committee;

26. *Decides* that the Group of Experts will also report on the activities of and any continued threat to peace and security in Côte d'Ivoire posed by sanctioned individuals and additionally *requests* the Group of Experts to assess and report on the effects of the modifications decided in this resolution;

27. *Requests* the Group of Experts to submit a midterm report to the Committee by 15 October 2014 and to submit a final report by 15 April 2015, after discussion with the Committee, on the implementation of the measures imposed by paragraphs 1 above, 9 and 11 of resolution 1572 (2004), paragraph 12 of resolution 1975 (2011) and paragraph 10 of resolution 1980 (2011);

28. *Decides* that the report of the Group of Experts, as referred to in paragraph 7(e) of resolution 1727 (2006) may include, as appropriate, any information and recommendations relevant to the Committee's possible additional designation of the individuals and entities described in paragraphs 9 and 11 of resolution 1572 (2004) and paragraph 10 of resolution 1980 (2011) and further *recalls* the Informal Working Group on General Issues of Sanctions report

(S/2006/997) on best practices and methods, including paragraphs 21, 22 and 23 that discuss possible steps for clarifying methodological standards for monitoring mechanisms;

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate as appropriate to the Security Council, through the Committee, information gathered by UNOCI and, where possible, reviewed by the Group of Experts, concerning the supply of arms and related materiel to Côte d'Ivoire;

30. *Requests* also the French Government to communicate as appropriate to the Security Council, through the Committee, information gathered by the French forces and, where possible, reviewed by the Group of Experts, concerning the supply of arms and related materiel to Côte d'Ivoire;

31. *Encourages* the Ivorian authorities to participate in the OECD-hosted implementation program with regard to the due diligence guidelines for responsible supply chains of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas, with a special attention to gold, and to reach out to international organizations with a view to taking advantage of lessons learned from other initiatives and countries that have and are confronting similar issues on artisanal mining;

32. *Calls upon* the Ivorian authorities to continue to take the necessary measures to dismantle the illegal taxation networks, including by undertaking relevant and thorough investigations, reduce the number of checkpoints and prevent incidents of racketeering throughout the country and *further calls upon* the authorities to continue to take the necessary steps to continue to re-establish and reinforce relevant institutions and to accelerate the deployment of customs and border control officials in the North, West and East of the country;

33. *Asks* the Group of Experts to assess the effectiveness of these border measures and control in the region, *encourages* all neighbouring States to be aware of Ivorian efforts in that regard and *encourages* UNOCI, within its mandate, to continue its assistance to Ivorian authorities in the re-establishment of normal customs and border control operation;

34. *Urges* all States, relevant United Nations bodies and other organizations and interested parties, to cooperate fully with the Committee, the Group of Experts, UNOCI and the French forces, in particular by supplying any information at their disposal on possible violations of the measures imposed by paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, paragraphs 9 and 11 of resolution 1572 (2004), paragraph 6 of resolution 1643 (2005) and paragraph 12 of resolution 1975 (2011), and further *requests* the Group of Experts to coordinate its activities as appropriate with all political actors and to implement their mandate in accordance with the Report of the Informal Working Group of the Security Council on General Issues of Sanctions (S/2006/997);

35. *Requests* the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sexual Violence in Conflict to continue sharing relevant information with the Committee in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 1960 (2010) and paragraph 9 of resolution 1998 (2011);

36. *Urges* further in this context that all Ivorian parties and all States, particularly those in the region, ensure:

- ± the safety of the members of the Group of Experts;
- ± unhindered access by the Group of Experts, in particular to persons, documents and sites in order for the Group of Experts to execute its mandate;

37. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.



## Annex

1. Weapons, direct and indirect fire artillery, and guns with a calibre bigger than 12.7 mm, their ammunition and components.
  2. Rocket propelled grenades, rockets, light anti-tank weapons, rifle grenades and grenade-launchers.
  3. Surface-to-air Missiles, including man portable air defence systems (Manpads); surface-to-surface missiles; and air-to-surface missiles.
  4. Mortars with a calibre bigger than 82 mm.
  5. Guided anti-tank weapons, especially guided anti-tank missiles, their ammunition and components.
  6. Armed aircraft, including rotary wing or fixed wing.
  7. Military armed vehicles or Military vehicles equipped with weapon mounts.
  8. Explosive charges and devices containing explosive materials, designed for military purpose, mines and related material.
  9. Night observation and night shooting devices.
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