



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on Côte d'Ivoire

*3058th FOREIGN AFFAIRS Council meeting
Brussels, 13 December 2010*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

- "1. The Council emphasises the importance of the presidential election held on 31 October and 28 November for the return of Côte d'Ivoire to peace and stability.
2. The Council congratulates the Ivorian people on their participation in very large numbers in the two rounds of the election, which demonstrates their attachment to democracy and their desire for reconciliation, peace and stability. It is imperative that the sovereign wish expressed by the Ivorian people be respected.
3. The Council expresses its full support for the action of the United Nations in Côte d'Ivoire, and takes note of the conclusions of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the context of his certification mandate. It congratulates Mr Alassan Ouattara on his election as President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. The Council calls for calm and responsibility, so that there can be a peaceful handover of power.
4. The Council welcomes the rapid mobilisation and supports the firm and clear decisions in favour of democracy taken by the African Union and ECOWAS, as set out in the United Nations Security Council press statement of 8 December 2010.

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5. The Council has considered how to react to the situation in Côte d'Ivoire. It has decided to adopt without delay targeted restrictive measures against those who are obstructing the process of peace and national reconciliation, and in particular who are jeopardising the proper outcome of the electoral process. Those measures will include a visa ban and an assets freeze. They will particularly target those leading figures who have refused to place themselves under the authority of the democratically elected President, of whom an initial list should be adopted rapidly. The European Union has also decided to take measures in support of the democratically elected authorities. To this end, the Council invites the High Representative, with the support of the Commission, to make proposals to this effect.
 6. The Council calls on all Ivorian leaders, both civilian and military, to work for a peaceful and rapid solution to the crisis and to ensure the security of the whole population, both Ivorians and foreigners. All those who use violence to oppose the democratic choice of the Ivorian people will be held responsible for their actions."
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