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President: Mrs. DiCarlo (United States of America)

Members:

Argentina	Mr. Oyarzábal
Australia	Mr. Quinlan
Azerbaijan	Mr. Musayev
China	Mr. Shen Bo
France	Mr. Bertoux
Guatemala	Mr. Briz Gutiérrez
Luxembourg	Ms. Lucas
Morocco	Mr. Loulichki
Pakistan	Mr. Masood Khan
Republic of Korea	Mr. Sul Kyung-hoon
Russian Federation	Mr. Pankin
Rwanda	Mr. Nduhungirehe
Togo	Mr. M'Beou
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Mark Lyall Grant

Agenda

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

Thirty-second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2013/377)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

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The President: In accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I invite the representative of Côte d'Ivoire to participate in this meeting.

The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2013/445, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by France, Togo, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

I wish to draw the attention of Council members to document S/2013/377, which contains the thirty-second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, China, France, Guatemala, Luxembourg, Morocco, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 2112 (2013).

I now give the floor to those members of the Council who wish to make a statement after the vote.

Mr. Masood Khan (Pakistan): Pakistan fully supports the efforts of the United Nations to achieve peace and stability in Côte d'Ivoire. We have been a

major contributor to the United Nations operations in Côte d'Ivoire since 2004.

While the report of the Secretary-General (S/2013/377) notes Côte d'Ivoire's continuing progress on the path to peace, it also underscores the significant threats that still remain. Those include deep political divisions; the presence of networks associated with the former regime whose aim is to destabilize the Government; mercenaries and former combatants along the border with Liberia; weapons proliferation; and slow progress with reconciliation, as well as with disarmament, demobilization and reintegration and security sector reform. The overall security situation in Côte d'Ivoire, particularly along the border with Liberia — a situation that poses a threat to both countries — is also highlighted.

A technical assessment mission led by the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations visited Côte d'Ivoire in February to evaluate the need for adjustments in the structure and strength of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI). In the light of the persistent challenges and threats identified by the mission, the Secretary-General has recommended the progressive reduction of two additional battalions by May 2015.

We are a little concerned about the accelerated pace of the drawdown of the military component of UNOCI. The recommendations of technical assessment missions and military capability studies, which are based on threat perceptions, security situations and future mission requirements, should be given due weight in Security Council decisions. Côte d'Ivoire is entering an important phase of its stabilization as the country approaches presidential elections in 2015. That requires a cautious approach and careful planning in order to avoid any setbacks or reversals of the gains that have been made. Adopting an accelerated military drawdown may send the wrong signal to those who are planning to undermine the stability of Côte d'Ivoire.

I underscore Pakistan's continuing commitment to contributing to peace and stability in Côte d'Ivoire.

The President: There are no more names inscribed on the list of speakers. The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 10.10 a.m.