

# UNOCI: 13 years of commitment to peace in Côte d'Ivoire

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The mandate of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) ended on 30 June 2017, in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2284 (2016), thirteen years after its establishment on 4 April 2004 by Resolution 1528 (2004). When the first UN peacekeepers arrived, Côte d'Ivoire was divided in half by a civil war and lacked state authority.

The closure of UNOCI illustrates the remarkable progress made by Côte d'Ivoire towards sustainable peace and stability and economic prosperity. The Ivorian administration is now present in all 108 local departments. After a decade of conflict, the commitment and determination of the Ivorian people and national authorities, with the support of UN peacekeeping, has made it possible to turn away from crisis and embark resolutely on a path to national reconciliation and social cohesion.

During the thirteen years of its operations, UNOCI protected civilians, enabled inclusive political dialogue, supported the Ivorian Government in the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) of former combatants and the improvement of the human rights situation in the country. More than 70,000 combatants were disarmed and re-integrated into society, inter-communal conflicts were decreased by 80% and the reported human rights violations dropped by almost 95% the last five years of UNOCI's presence.

UNOCI supported presidential and legislative elections in 2011 and 2016, with participation from the opposition for the first time in 2016. Social cohesion was supported through more than 1,000 Quick Impact Projects. UNOCI also supported the strengthening of Ivorian security forces, including integration of women in the national gendarmerie. With peace and security restored, more than 250,000 refugees had returned by 2016.

Since the departure of UNOCI, the United Nations Country Team, Agencies, Funds and Programs and international partners have continued to work with the Government and people of Côte d'Ivoire in continuing the achievements of peacekeeping and supporting the country on the road to reach its Sustainable Development Goals. Due to peace and stability restored, Côte d'Ivoire is now among the fastest growing economies in Africa.



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