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Letter dated 17 October 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), established on 27 February 2004 pursuant to Security Council resolution 1528 (2004), the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), established on 30 November 1999 pursuant to Security Council resolution 1279 (1999), and the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), established on 19 September 2003 pursuant to Security Council resolution 1509 (2003).

Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint:

- Ellen Margrethe Løj (Denmark) as my Special Representative for Liberia. Ms. Løj will replace Alan Doss. Ms. Løj has previously served as Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations and as Representative of Denmark on the Security Council, as well as Chairperson of its Sanctions Committee on Liberia
- Alan Doss (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as my Special Representative for the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Mr. Doss, currently the Special Representative for Liberia, will replace William Lacy Swing (United States of America)
- Choi Young-Jin (Republic of Korea) as my Special Representative for Côte d'Ivoire. Mr. Choi, who has previously served as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations, as well as Vice Foreign Minister of his country, has also served in the United Nations as Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The precise timing of their assignments will be finalized taking into account relevant factors in each case.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr. Schori, Mr. Swing and Mr. Doss for their remarkable contributions to the United Nations peace efforts in Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Liberia, respectively.

I would be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ban Ki-moon

