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Letter dated 23 March 2012 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 by the Security Council in resolution 1528 (2004) and most recently extended by resolution 2000 (2011).

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Major General Muhammad Iqbal Asi (Pakistan) as Force Commander of UNOCI. Major General Iqbal Asi will replace Major General Gnakoudè Béréna (Togo), whose tour of duty will end on 13 May 2012. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Major General Béréna for his contribution to UNOCI.

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

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

