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Madam Ambassador,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note verbale dated 1 October 2003 transmitting to the International Criminal Court the declaration of 18 April 2003 by which, under article 12(3) of the Rome Statute, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire accepts the jurisdiction of the Court for the purposes of identifying, prosecuting and trying the perpetrators and accomplices of acts committed on Ivorian territory since the events of 19 September 2002.

Pursuant to rule 44(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, I have the honour to inform the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire that its declaration has as a consequence the acceptance of jurisdiction with respect to the crimes referred to in article 5 of the said Statute. Furthermore, the provisions of Part 9 of the Statute and any rules deriving therefrom concerning States Parties shall henceforth apply to your country.

Please accept, Madam Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[signed]

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