



Statement by the Deputy Prosecutor of the ICC on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire

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In a declaration submitted on 1 October 2003, Côte d'Ivoire accepted the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for crimes committed on its territory. As such, the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC has been monitoring the situation in Côte d'Ivoire ahead of the presidential run-off on 28 November and continues to do so. In light of recent clashes, I urge supporters of the candidates and security forces to refrain from violence.

I encourage the political leaders to call on their supporters and fellow citizens to show restraint and avoid unrest.

I invite the Ivorian authorities to investigate criminal incidents that have already occurred and to do everything possible to deter future ones. All reported acts of violence will be closely scrutinized by the Office.

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