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Colleagues,

At the request of Arthur Bell, Consular Chief at Embassy Lome, the Operations Center convened a conference call at 1533 regarding information on the situation in Cote d'Ivoire:

- Embassy Lome received word from the French DATT in Lome of at least 4 military aircraft (C-160s) departing from Libreville and scheduled to arrive tonight in Lome with French military personnel from Gabon. These would refuel in Lome around 1930 EDT, then continue to Abidjan.
- Embassy Abidjan confirms there is no/no evacuation operation, per the French embassy in Abidjan.
- Embassy Paris confirms there is no/no evacuation of French citizens from Abidjan at this time, per French MFA.
- French A/S for African Affairs Gompertz said the commercial airport in Abidjan is not totally secure. UNOCI or French forces will have to secure the airport.
- Embassy Abidjan notes the UN headquarters in Abidjan has been under heavy weapons fire for the last for several hours. Four peacekeepers have been seriously injured.
- All embassy personnel are safe and sheltered at the embassy.

Best regards,

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