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Thanks. Here is today's communiqué from the Elysee as provided by the French Embassy. English translation is unofficial.

COMMUNIQUÉ

In recent weeks, Laurent Gbagbo's forces have repeatedly used heavy weapons against the civilian population. In Resolution 1975, which passed unanimously on March 30, the Security Council asked the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) to prevent such atrocities.

In accordance with its mandate to protect civilians, UNOCI has therefore just initiated actions designed to neutralize the heavy weapons used against civilian populations and UN personnel in Abidjan.

The UN Secretary-General has asked French forces to support these operations. President Sarkozy assented and authorized French forces, acting in accordance with the mandate granted to them by the Security Council, to take part in UNOCI operations to protect civilians.

France calls for an immediate halt to all violence against civilians. The perpetrators of these crimes must be held accountable for them before a court of law.

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PARIS, April 4 (Reuters) - French helicopters opened fire on a military camp in Abidjan on Monday, French armed forces spokesman Thierry Burkhard said.

Earlier, French President Nicolas Sarkozy said he had authorised France's military to join a U.N. operation against forces loyal to Ivory Coast's Laurent Gbagbo.

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