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Mr. Chairman,

On the instructions from my Government, I have the honor to request the removal from the list of persons and entities covered by the measures imposed in paragraphs 9 and 11 of resolution 1572(2004) of Mr. Charles Blé GOUDE, President of Alliance of Young Patriots.

This request is justified by the progress made since the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and the role played by Mr. Blé GOUDE to drive the process of ending the crisis.

Indeed, following the signing of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement, 04 March 2007, Côte d'Ivoire began a new process to end the crisis which has been unanimously praised by the International Community as a real opportunity for a quick and definitive settlement of the crisis which shakes the country for more than six years.

The Ouagadougou Agreement elicited through direct dialogue between the parties to the conflict is an instrument of hope that requires individual measures which affect the person be reviewed and corrected taking into account the current context of peace and reconciliation and also his personal commitment in this noble quest.

Today, the process of reconciliation between those who took up arms and those who resisted is a reality in Côte d'Ivoire. This is reflected on the ground by concrete actions for peace initiated by the leader of the Young Patriots, Charles Blé GOUDE, as listed below:

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**H.E. Mr. Claude HELLER**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

**Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire**

New – York

### **1- January 20<sup>th</sup> 2007: The Caravan of Peace**

President Laurent Gbagbo has initiated direct dialogue from which the Secretary General of the Forces Nouvelles, Mr. Guillaume Soro became Head of Government. In order to dispel any misunderstanding and to inform public opinion on the merits of this appointment, Mr. Blé GOUDE initiated a caravan called "caravan of peace" across the country.

For three months, 49 locations were visited in areas of Center North West Zones (NOC Zones) and just as well in the government zone. This caravan has had a strong involvement of religious communities and politicians.

In addition, on June 19, 2007, Mr. Blé GOUDE has led the delegation of the Patriotic Youth to Bouaké, the former stronghold of the rebellion, and has hosted a major reconciliation meeting in the presence of Muslim communities and senior representatives of the Forces Nouvelles among which Commander Wattao, Deputy Chief of Staff of Forces Armées des Forces Nouvelles (FAFN). This event was made in preparation for the arrival of the President of the Republic His Excellency Mr. Laurent Gbagbo in Bouaké to ignite the "flame of peace", thus cementing the unity of the country.

Following the event, Mr. Charles Blé GOUDE, was made Ambassador of Peace and National Reconciliation by the Government.

### **2- May 7<sup>th</sup> 2007: The campaign "Make me your brother"**

In order to explain and to accept the Ouagadougou Agreement by public opinion and above all generate love, peace and solidarity among all Ivorian, an awareness campaign called "Make me your brother" has been launched and conducted by Mr. Blé GOUDE for several weeks from 27 May 2007.

This campaign was designed to break down ethnic and religious barriers by bringing the youth of the north and the south together. On this occasion, the leader of the young patriots received in his native village a delegation of the Forces Nouvelles youth with which all the villagers celebrated the reunion, giving a strong signal to the process of national reconciliation.

### **3 - October 20, 2007: Day of Peace celebration**

In order to further reassure the people of North and South on the sincerity of the actions undertaken by the signatories of the Ouagadougou Agreement, Mr. Blé GOUDE held on October 20, 2007 in Gagnoa, his hometown, an event that brought together around the Prime Minister, the Minister of National Reconciliation and Relations with Institutions, many personalities from the Forces Nouvelles and the Alliance of Young Patriots.

The Committee would find attached copies of movies on video to illustrate the efforts in the search for peace and reconciliation made by Mr. Blé GOUDE.

The actions listed above have now created a climate of appeasement and reconciliation of girls and sons of Côte d'Ivoire in the spirit of the Ouagadougou Agreement.

Accordingly, I would appreciate the measures that the Sanctions Committee of the Security Council will take in the light of this new dynamic that accompanies the process of ending the crisis by agreeing to give a positive response to the request for the removal of Mr. Blé GOUDE from the list of persons and entities covered by the measures imposed in paragraphs 9 and 11 of resolution 1572 (2004).

Please accept, Mr. Chairman, the assurances of my highest consideration. - /

**Alcide DJEDJE**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative