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**THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION  
APPEALS TO IVORIAN PARTIES**

The Chairperson of the AU Commission, Mr. Alpha Oumar Konaré, **is monitoring with a serious concern** the developments in Côte d'Ivoire, following the message broadcast on both radio and television by the President of the Republic, on Tuesday 18 May 2004, and the decree dismissing from Government three Ministers who are members of the New Forces and PDCI-RDA.

The Chairperson therefore **launches a strong appeal** to the President of the Republic and to the other Ivorian Parties to commit themselves to implementing the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement and the outcome of Accra I and II. Only such commitment can help restore peace and stability in Côte d'Ivoire.

The Chairperson **appeals** to all Ivorian Parties to show restraint and to abstain from any initiative that can aggravate the situation. He **urges** them to create the conducive environment that is required for the resumption of dialogue and the return of all actors to the Government of National Reconciliation.

The Chairperson **reaffirms** the readiness of the African Union, in consultation with its partners, to help reactivate effectively the national reconciliation process.

**Addis Ababa, 21 May 2004**