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**Statement by Mrs. Sally Kader, USFMEP President, on the Situation in Cote d'Ivoire, April 11, 2011**

The USFMEP welcomes the decisive turn of events in Cote d'Ivoire, as former President Laurent Gbagbo's illegitimate claim to power has finally come to an end. As the president of USFMEP, Mrs. Sally Kader has said "the people of Cote d'Ivoire deserve peace and democracy, they deserve a government that recognizes their basic human rights and respects their will and they deserve to return to the lane of success and security, that chance begins today". As the Ivorian government and people work to move past the recent crisis, the USFMEP will stand with them. We believe that Cote d'Ivoire needs to recover, and that efforts need to be focused on peacekeeping and humanitarian work.

The USFMEP remains profoundly concerned about and condemns persistent violations of fundamental human rights. "We believe in civilized dialogue and peaceful approaches to reach goals and demands" Sally Kader, USFMEP president said, we stress the need to investigate those who have perpetrated attacks against civilians. All parties should be aware that the actions of their supporters will be scrutinized, alleged human rights abuses and attacks against civilians will be investigated, and perpetrators will be held accountable without regard to which side they may have been aligned.

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