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#### The Situation in Cote d'Ivoire

*New York, NY, April 11, 2011* - United States Federation for Middle East Peace (“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 Cote d'Ivoire Government and its people work to move past the recent crisis, USFMEP President and staff will stand with them. We believe that efforts need to be focused toward peacekeeping and humanitarian aid in order to facilitate the recovery of Cote d'Ivoire.

“The people of Cote d'Ivoire deserve peace and democracy. They deserve an accountable and transparent government that recognizes their basic human rights and respects their will. Finally, they deserve the ability to live in an economically and politically stable environment affording greater opportunities for success. That chance begins today,” said USFMEP President and renowned peace activist, Mrs. Sally Kader.

USFMEP President and staff remain profoundly concerned about persistent violations of fundamental human rights in all regions of the world. President Sally Kader added, “USFMEP strongly condemns human rights violations on all fronts and tenaciously promotes civilized dialogue and peaceful resolution to all disputes.” USFMEP President and staff stress that the Cote d'Ivoire Government investigate those who are suspected of having 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 regardless of which side they may support. USFMEP is hopeful that peace and justice will prevail in Cote d'Ivoire in the near future.

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