Toxic wastes: HOW THE 100 BILLION IS SHARED OUT

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Yesterday evening, a public announcement from the Office of the President of the Republic, via its spokesperson Gervais Coulibaly, gave the breakdown of compensation for the victims.

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In the press release of 13 June 2007, it had been announced that a compensation plan for the losses caused by the toxic wastes dumped in the district of Abidjan, would be announced on the return of the President of the Republic to Abidjan. Before beginning this address, the President of the Republic would like to emphasise that preparation of the compensation operations has been rather delayed because of the precautions taken over processing of the files. It was vital to take the time needed to better identify the victims and assess equitable reparation for the damage suffered. This press release had described the categories of victims and groups to be compensated, namely: - The State and its component organisations – Economic victims – Human victims – Victims’ associations – Care and rescue personnel. It is important to remember that the total amount of compensation obtained amounts to the fixed sum of one hundred billion (100,000,000,000) CFA francs of which ninety five billion (95,000,000,000) CFA francs is already available allocated to compensation of the victims and five billion (5,000,000,000) CFA francs of financial aid is payable by "Trafingura Beheer BV" to the Ivory Coast State following inauguration of the household wastes treatment centre, intended for construction in the District of Abidjan. The President of the Republic, taking into account the nature of the damage caused to the different victims, the financial commitments already made and met by the government to confront the immediate problems caused by the disaster, the national legal and regulatory provisions relating to loss and the current social climate, confirms the following compensation breakdown:

I- Reparation for the damage suffered by the Ivory Coast State. The Ivory Coast State having suffered economic, health and ecological losses, shall be paid the sum of 50 billion eighteen million (50,018,000,000) CFA francs, of which: - thirty billion (30,000,000,000) CFA francs is as repayment of expenditure already incurred by the Government; (when the disaster occurred) - twenty billion eighteen million (20,018,000,000) CFA francs is for State aid for construction of the District of Abidjan household wastes treatment and assessment centre.

II- Compensation for the damage suffered by regional authorities and village communities. The regional authorities having suffered economic, health and ecological loss will be compensated as follows:

• District of Abidjan - Compensation of two billion five hundred million (2,500,000,000) CFA francs will be allocated to the District of Abidjan for rehabilitation of the District of Abidjan.

• Abobo - The town of Abobo shall receive compensation of one billion five hundred million (1,500,000,000) CFA francs for conversion of the Abobo general hospital into a CHU [University Hospital Centre].
• Attécoubé - The town of Attécoubé shall receive compensation of five hundred million (500,000,000) CFA francs to carry out socio-community projects.

• Cocody - The town of Cocody shall receive compensation of four billion two hundred million (4,200,000,000) CFA francs of which: - two hundred million (200,000,000) CFA francs is for improvement of Cocody's CHU facilities; - one billion (1,000,000,000) CFA francs is for construction of a general hospital in Angré - three billion (3,000,000,000) CFA francs is for carrying out socio-community projects. The relatively high amount allocated to this town is justified by reason of the extent of the disaster in this area, with eight (08) toxic waste dumping points and a large number of people affected.

• Koumassi - The town of Koumassi shall receive compensation of one billion (1,000,000,000) CFA francs for conversion of the general hospital into a CHU.

• Bingerville - The town of Bingerville shall receive compensation of one billion (1,000,000,000) CFA francs for carrying out socio-community projects.

• Port-Bouët (Vridi) - The town of Port-Bouët shall receive compensation of one billion (1,000,000,000) CFA francs for improvement of the facilities of the general hospital.

• Yopougon - The town of Yopougon shall receive compensation of one billion two hundred million (1,200,000,000) CFA francs, of which: - two hundred million (200,000,000) CFA francs is for improvement of the Yopougon facilities - one billion (1,000,000,000) CFA francs for carrying out socio-community projects.

• Treichville - The town of Treichville shall receive compensation of two hundred million (200,000,000) CFA francs for improvement of the Treichville CHU.

• Djibi village - This village shall receive compensation of six hundred and sixty million (660,000,000) CFA francs of which: - one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs is for connection to the water supply network; - sixty million (60,000,000) CFA francs is for construction of an integrated health centre; - five hundred million (500,000,000) CFA francs is for carrying out socio-community projects.

• Akouédo Attié - Akouédo Attié shall receive compensation of six hundred million (600,000,000) CFA francs of which: - one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs is for construction of an integrated health centre - five hundred million (500,000,000) CFA francs is for carrying out socio-community projects.

• Akouédo Ebrié - Akouédo Ebrié shall receive compensation of five hundred and twenty million (520,000,000) CFA francs of which: - twenty million (20,000,000) CFA francs is for improvement of the integrated health centre facilities - five hundred million (500,000,000) CFA francs is for carrying out socio-community projects. It is important to emphasise that the above facilities envisaged as compensation will be provided by State departments in collaboration with the regional authorities and village communities.

III – Aid for structures of national interest – They will be granted aid to improve the reception and intervention facilities of certain technical and health services faced with the new demands arising from the damage. There is allocated for this purpose:
- one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs for improving the facilities of the infirmary of the Abidjan Detention and Correction Centre (MACA); - Five hundred million (500,000,000) CFA francs for equipping the National Laboratory for Agricultural Development (LANADA); - Eight hundred million (800,000,000) CFA francs for acquisition of air detector-analysers; - Three hundred million (300,000,000) CFA francs for refurbishment of Abidjan Zoo. In addition, the Ivory Coast State, to confront the demands linked to monitoring the ecological and health impact of the disaster, undertakes to build a national centre for health and environmental monitoring in the town of Abobo for an amount of two billion sixty million (2,060,000,000) CFA francs.

IV - Economic damage - In accordance with international rules relating to the management of sites damaged by environmental or ecological disasters, economic damage concerns cessation or temporary displacement of businesses for a minimum period of one year. For the purposes hereof, this period runs from 20 August 2006 to 19 August 2007. The total allowance allocated to this category of victims including businesses in the informal sector and companies in the formal sector amounts to three billion three hundred million (3,300,000,000) CFA francs. It is divided as follows:

1. Informal sector - This heading includes farmers, breeders, fishermen, garage owners, car-washers. The allowance is distributed as follows: - farmers, numbering two hundred and forty five (245) persons, shall receive a total amount of one hundred and five million three hundred and thirty thousand three hundred and sixty three (105,330,363) CFA francs; - breeders, numbering twelve (12) persons, shall receive a total amount of one hundred and seven million four hundred thousand (107,400,000) CFA francs; - fishermen and artisans, five hundred and seventy five (575) persons and two (2) GVCs [Civil Volunteer Groups], shall receive a total amount of two hundred and fifty million (255,000,000) CFA francs; - garage owners and car-washers, seventeen (17) persons, shall each receive a total amount of two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) CFA francs, that is a total of four million two hundred and fifty thousand (4,250,000) CFA francs. In total, the informal sector shall receive the sum of four hundred and seventy one million nine hundred and eighty three hundred and sixty three (471,980,363) CFA francs.

2. Formal sector. This heading comprises large enterprises and SMEs/SMIs in the modern sector. To compensate them, two billion eight hundred and twenty eight million nineteen thousand six hundred and thirty seven (2,828,019,637) CFA francs has been provided. Under this heading, thirty seven (37) enterprises registered. Four (4) of them have withdrawn. The exact determination of the extent of the damage requires examination, therefore the thirty three (33) remaining enterprises must contact the responsible departments of the Ministry for Economy and Finance for a counter-valuation of their claims.

V- The human victims V -1- Health Victims – These are ambulatory victims and hospitalised victims

- Ambulatory victims – These are persons who received ambulatory care. This involves slight involuntary intoxication without hospitalisation. They number one hundred and one thousand three hundred and thirteen (101,313) of whom ninety five thousand one hundred and fifty six (95,156) have provided complete information as to their identity. As compensation, each victim shall receive two hundred thousand (200,000) CFA francs, that is a total allowance of twenty billion
two hundred and sixty two million six hundred thousand (20,262,600,000) CFA francs to which has been added a reserve of one billion two hundred and thirty one million four hundred thousand (1,231,400,000) CFA francs destined for ambulatory victims who have not yet provided complete information as to their identity. These persons are invited to contact the Presidential Task Force to complete the necessary formalities.

- Hospitalised victims – These are the persons who suffered serious hydrocarbon intoxication and who were hospitalised. They number 75. Each of them shall receive the sum of two million (2,000,000) CFA francs, that is a total allowance of one hundred and fifty million (150,000,000) CFA francs.

V -2- Care and safety personnel – These are the doctors, nurses, paramedics in the hospitals and health centres and the firemen who rescued the persons affected and who have not yet received any compensation. A total allowance of nine hundred and twenty nine million four hundred thousand (929,400,000) CFA francs is allocated to them.

V -3- Victims' associations – These are the duly recognised associations or groups representing the material and moral interests of the injured parties. They will benefit from total aid of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs.

V -4- The deceased – According to the rules of the International Conference of Insurance Markets (ICIM), provision for compensation in the event of death resulting from intoxication is fixed according to the social category, income, age of the deceased and the value of the life expectancy which is 47 years in the Ivory Coast. This provision amounts to the product of the daily mean income (the arithmetical mean) and the absolute value of the difference between the age of the deceased and the life expectancy. This compensation is defined as default death capital, by analogy with life insurance practices (ICIM code). Following this procedure, the compensation table for the deceased is as follows: - AGOLE Gnénilé Johanne, female child born on 03-04-2006 in Abidjan, to GNENILE Agolé Hervé and SAY Venance Adjoba Florence, aged 5 months, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to eight million five hundred and seventy seven thousand (8,577,000) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of the child AGOLE Gnénilé Johanne shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. - DJIGUENDE Arona, male child born on 12-11-2001 in Abidjan, to DJIGUENDE Poussana and KOKRONBO Poussouya, aged 4 years 6 months, of Burkinabese nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to eight million five hundred and seventy seven thousand (8,577,000) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of the child DJIGUENDE Arona shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. - SONDO Alimata, female child born on 14-09-1997 in Sorou province, Burkina Faso, to SONDO Adama and DENI Biba, aged 9 years, of Burkinabese nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to eight million five hundred and seventy seven thousand (8,577,000) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of the child SONDO Alimata shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. - Yapo Tchéché Ange, male child born on 21-08-1991, aged 15 years, in Yopougon to Yapo Tchéché and N'Cho Ohouo Hélène, of Ivory Coast nationality,
classified in social category A corresponding to income band 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to eight million five hundred and seventy seven thousand (8,577,000) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of the child Yapo Ange shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. – Female child DIORÉ Iriguié Arlette, born on 10-01-1992 in Grand-Bassam, to DIOHÔRE Guy Roland and KPOKOU Gbolo Noëlle, aged 14 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to eight million five hundred and seventy seven thousand (8,577,000) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of the child DIORÉ Iriguié Arlette shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. – Male child YOUGOUE BI Zrouzan Romaric, born on 25-12-1985 in Sinfra, to Gooré Bi Yougoué Gabriel and SEY Lou Nanzité Chantal, aged 16 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to eight million five hundred and seventy seven thousand (8,577,000) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of the child YOUGOUE BI Zrouzan Romaric shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. – Mr KAKOU Jean-Jacques, born on 15-12-1976 in DIVO, to TEHIC Kacou and AGUIE Léontine, aged 30 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to six million eight hundred and forty three thousand seven hundred and fifty (6,843,750) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of Mr KAKOU Jean-Jacques shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. – Mr GNEBA Camille, born on 30-07-1969 in Grobia, SIP de Divo, to ZATE Abalé and ZHON Marie, aged 37 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to six million eight hundred and forty three thousand seven hundred and fifty (6,843,750) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of Mr GNEBA Camille shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. – Mr TANOH Yao Bernard, born 1967 in Mougna SIP de Toundi, to the late KONAN Tanoh and Konan Affoué Klonéné, aged 39 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to six million eight hundred and forty three thousand seven hundred and fifty (6,843,750) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of Mr TANOH Yao Bernard shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. – Mr KOUASSI Yao Ferdinand, born on 08-06-1962 in Daouko, to GBANGBO Kouassi and TANOH Kra, aged 44 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to six million eight hundred and forty three thousand seven hundred and fifty (6,843,750) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of M. KOUASSI Yao Ferdinand shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. – Colonel AGNIMEL Memel Jean-Baptiste, born on 31 December 1956, aged 50 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category D corresponding to income band of over 7000 CFA francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to sixty two million and fifty thousand (62,050,000) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of Colonel AGNIMEL Memel Jean-Baptiste shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. – DEMBA Traoré, born in 1954, aged 53 years, classified in social category A corresponding to income band of over [sic - Translator] 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the
ICIM code, to six million eight hundred and forty three thousand seven hundred and fifty (6,843,750) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of DEMBA Traoré shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. - KOUASSI KOUASSI Martial, born in 1988, aged 19 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band of over [sic - Translator] 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to six million eight hundred and forty three thousand seven hundred and fifty (6,843,750) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of KOUASSI KOUASSI Martial shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. - DOUKOU Espérance, born in 1977, aged 30 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band of over [sic - Translator] 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to six million eight hundred and forty three thousand seven hundred and fifty (6,843,750) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of EDOUKOU Espérance shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. - ZEI Edmond, born in 1975, aged 32 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band of over [sic - Translator] 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to six million eight hundred and forty three thousand seven hundred and fifty (6,843,750) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of ZEI Edmond shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. - N'GORAN Ettien Firmin, born in 1971, aged 36 years, of Ivory Coast nationality, classified in social category A corresponding to income band of over [sic - Translator] 0 to 1500 francs per day, was entitled, according to the ICIM code, to six million eight hundred and forty three thousand seven hundred and fifty (6,843,750) CFA francs. With the compensation proposed by the President of the Republic, the beneficiaries of N'GORAN Ettien Firmin shall receive the sum of one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. Therefore, the total allowance allocated to the families of the deceased victims amounts to one billion six hundred million (1,600,000,000) CFA francs. In addition, attention should be drawn under this section for the deceased to the equality of the compensation. In fact, faced with the extent of this disaster, the Head of State, who wanted to improve the amount to be paid to the victims, has expressly chosen not to make any distinction between the deceased. The summary of the total compensation payments is as follows: - The State and its component organisations: sixty eight billion six hundred and fifty eight million (68,658,000,000) CFA francs; - Economic victims: three billion three hundred million (3,300,000,000) CFA francs; - Care and rescue personnel: nine hundred and twenty nine million four hundred thousand (929,400,000) CFA francs; - Victims' associations: one hundred million (100,000,000) CFA francs. - Health victims: twenty two billion twelve million six hundred thousand (22,012,600,000) CFA francs. All these operations give a total of ninety five billion (95,000,000,000) CFA francs. The President of the Republic points out that this compensation which constitutes reparation of the losses caused by the toxic waste disaster cannot be worth one human life or replace the ruined possessions of others. The personal action of the Head of State is a humanitarian act to help and console those people in deep distress. Furthermore, the President of the Republic advises Ivory Coast citizens that the negotiations between the State and the company "Traficura Beheer BV" relating to complete depollution of all the contaminated sites and epidemiological monitoring are continuing. The President of the Republic, in accordance with point (2.4) of the clause relating to the commitments of the "Traficura Beheer BV" parties to the Heads of Agreement, has instructed the Minister for Urban Affairs and Public Health and the Minister for Economy and Finance to submit with the minimum of delay the
plan for construction of the household wastes treatment centre in the District of Abidjan.

The President of the Republic also advises the population that the compensation payments will be made in the General Office accounting departments of the Treasury and Public Accounting. The payment procedures are as follows: Dates and places of payment - Wednesday 27 June 2007 at 9 am, beneficiaries of deceased victims and hospitalised victims can receive their compensation payments at the Abidjan Nord General Treasury, in the former BCEAO building, opposite the Caisse de Stabilisation au Plateau, in Avenue Terrasson de Fougères. The payment officer responsible for payment operations is the Abidjan Nord General Treasurer. The items required for payment are the following: - For beneficiaries of deceased victims: a death certificate; a certificate attesting to the means of death; an extract from the act of death; a legalised statement from the family's counsel; a notarial deed confirming the status of the heirs of the deceased; a legal administrative certificate (for minors). - For hospitalised victims: proof of identity of the victim; for minors, a birth certificate extract and a legal administrative certificate; - Wednesday 27 June 2007, the lists of ambulatory victims, places of payment and the payment officers will be displayed in the town halls of the towns affected by the accident. Payments will commence on Thursday 28 June 2007 at 9 am. The items required for payment are: proof of identity of the victim; for minors, a birth certificate extract and a legal administrative certificate.

The President of the Republic reiterates all his compassion for the victims and renews his most heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. He assures them that he is personally monitoring the development of the entire compensation operation.

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