



Weekly Report

Côte d'Ivoire

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"We...urge Cote d'Ivoire to tighten its control over arms and ammunition and to continue the important work of security sector reform."

*- Jeffrey DeLaurentis,
US Deputy UN Ambassador*

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- Côte d'Ivoire government can now buy light arms without the approval of a UN committee, but will have to notify the committee of purchases. This move is meant to allow government to strengthen security forces.
- United States advocated for a more gradual approach to adjusting the arms embargo due to the security reform challenges still faced by the country.
- The decade-long ban on diamond exports had failed to stop illicit trafficking.
- Ivorian authorities have said they would like to re-launch the diamond sector to fund post-war reconstruction.
- Source: Reuters
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/29/us-ivorycoast-un-diamonds-idUSBREA350RQ20140429>