

participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in Liberia: further report of the Secretary-General (S/26200)".⁹

Resolution 856 (1993)
of 10 August 1993

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 813 (1993) of 26 March 1993,

Welcoming the signing under the auspices of the Economic Community of West African States, on 25 July 1993, at Cotonou, Benin, of a Peace Agreement between the Interim Government of National Unity of Liberia, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia and the United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy,¹⁰

Considering that the signing of the Peace Agreement constitutes a major achievement and an important contribution to the restoration of peace and security in Liberia and in this region of West Africa, and creates the opportunity to bring an end to the conflict,

Taking note of the further report of the Secretary-General of 2 August 1993,¹¹

1. *Welcomes* the decision of the Secretary-General to send a technical team to Liberia to gather and evaluate information relevant to the proposed establishment of a United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia;

2. *Approves* the dispatch to Liberia as soon as possible of an advance team of thirty military observers to participate in the work of the Joint Cease-fire Monitoring Committee, including in particular to monitor, investigate and report cease-fire violations in conjunction with the said Committee, the mandate of said team to expire within three months;

3. *Looks forward* to the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed establishment of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia, including in particular a detailed estimate of the cost and scope of this operation, a time-frame for its implementation, the projected conclusion of this operation, how to ensure coordination between the Mission and the peace-keeping forces of the Economic Community of West African States and their respective roles and responsibilities;

4. *Calls upon* all parties to the conflict to respect and implement the cease-fire provided for in the Peace Agreement signed at Cotonou on 25 July 1993¹⁰ and to cooperate fully with the advance mission and ensure the safety of all United Nations personnel and all other peace-keeping and humanitarian personnel within Liberia;

5. *Urges* the conclusion at the earliest possible stage of a status of mission agreement;

6. *Commends* the Economic Community of West African States for its efforts to restore peace, security and stability in Liberia;

7. *Commends also* the Organization of African Unity for its efforts in support of the peace process in Liberia;

⁹ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1993*.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, document S/26272, annex.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, document S/26200.

8. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Adopted unanimously at the 3263rd meeting.

Decisions

In a letter dated 27 August 1993,¹² the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"The members of the Council have been kept informed of the latest developments regarding the implementation of the Peace Agreement signed at Cotonou, Benin, on 25 July 1993¹⁰ on Liberia.

"In this connection I wish to inform you that the Council would support the establishment by the United Nations of a voluntary trust fund for Liberia to finance the implementation of the Peace Agreement, including deployment of Economic Community of West African States peace-keeping troops, demobilization of combatants, elections and humanitarian assistance, as called for by the Economic Community of West African States at its summit meeting held at Cotonou from 22 to 24 July 1993.

"On behalf of the members of the Council I look forward to being informed of progress in this regard."

At its 3281st meeting, on 22 September 1993, the Council decided to invite the representative of Liberia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in Liberia: report of the Secretary-General (S/26422 and Add.1)".⁹

Resolution 866 (1993)
of 22 September 1993

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 813 (1993) of 26 March 1993 and 856 (1993) of 10 August 1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 9 and 17 September 1993¹³ on the proposed establishment of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia,

Noting that the Peace Agreement signed by the three Liberian parties at Cotonou, Benin, on 25 July 1993¹⁰ calls on the United Nations and the Military Observer Group of the Economic Community of West African States to assist in the implementation of the Agreement,

Emphasizing, as noted in the report of the Secretary-General of 2 August 1993,¹¹ that the Peace Agreement assigns the Military Observer Group the primary responsibility of supervising the implementation of the military provisions of the Agreement and envisages that the United Nations role shall be to monitor and verify this process,

Noting that this would be the first peace-keeping mission undertaken by the United Nations in cooperation with a peace-keeping mission already set up by another organization, in this case the Economic Community of West African States,

¹² S/26376

¹³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1993*, documents S/26422 and Add.1.

Recognizing that United Nations involvement would contribute significantly to the effective implementation of the Peace Agreement and would serve to underline the international community's commitment to conflict resolution in Liberia,

Commending the Economic Community of West African States for its continuing efforts to restore peace, security and stability in Liberia,

Commending also the efforts of the Organization of African Unity in support of the peace process in Liberia,

Stressing the importance of full cooperation and close coordination between the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia and the Military Observer Group in the implementation of their respective mandates,

Taking note of the deployment of an advance team of United Nations military observers to Liberia as authorized under resolution 856 (1993),

Welcoming the establishment of the Joint Cease-fire Monitoring Committee composed of the three Liberian parties, the Military Observer Group and the United Nations,

Welcoming also the formation in Cotonou on 27 August 1993 of the five-member Council of State representing all three Liberian parties which, in accordance with the Peace Agreement, shall be installed concomitantly with the commencement of the disarmament process and shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the transitional government,

Noting that the Peace Agreement calls for legislative and presidential elections to take place approximately seven months after the signing of the Peace Agreement,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General of 9 and 17 September 1993¹³ on the proposed establishment of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia;

2. *Decides* to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia under its authority and under the direction of the Secretary-General through his Special Representative for a period of seven months, subject to the proviso that it will continue beyond 16 December 1993 only upon a review by the Council based on a report from the Secretary-General on whether or not substantive progress has been made towards the implementation of the Peace Agreement signed at Cotonou on 25 July 1993¹⁰ and other measures aimed at establishing a lasting peace;

3. *Also decides* that the Mission shall comprise military observers as well as medical, engineering, communications, transportation and electoral components, in the numbers indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, together with minimal staff necessary to support it, and shall have the following mandate:

(a) To receive and investigate all reports on alleged incidents of violations of the cease-fire agreement and, if the violation cannot be corrected, to report its findings to the Violation Committee established pursuant to the Peace Agreement, and to the Secretary-General;

(b) To monitor compliance with other elements of the Peace Agreement, including at points on Liberia's borders with Sierra Leone and other neighbouring countries, and to verify its impartial application, and in particular to assist in the monitoring of compliance with the embargo on delivery of arms and military equipment to Liberia and the cantonment, disarmament and demobilization of combatants;

(c) To observe and verify the election process, including the legislative and presidential elections to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Peace Agreement;

(d) To assist, as appropriate, in the coordination of humanitarian assistance activities in the field in conjunction with the existing United Nations humanitarian relief operation;

(e) To develop a plan and assess financial requirements for the demobilization of combatants;

(f) To report on any major violations of international humanitarian law to the Secretary-General;

(g) To train the Military Observer Group engineers in mine clearance and, in cooperation with the Group, coordinate the identification of mines and assist in the clearance of mines and unexploded bombs;

(h) Without participation in enforcement operations, to coordinate with the Military Observer Group in the discharge of the Group's separate responsibilities both formally, through the Violation Committee, and informally;

4. *Welcomes* the intention of the Secretary-General to conclude with the Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States an agreement defining, before deployment of the Mission, the roles and responsibilities of the Mission and the Community in the implementation of the Peace Agreement, in accordance with the concept of operations outlined in chapter IV of the report of the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the Council informed on the progress and outcome of the negotiations leading thereto;

5. *Encourages* African States to provide the additional troops requested from them by the Economic Community of West African States for the Military Observer Group;

6. *Welcomes also* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to establish a Trust Fund for Liberia, which would facilitate the sending of reinforcements by African States to the Military Observer Group, assist in supporting troops of participating Group countries and also assist in mine-clearing, humanitarian and development activities, as well as the electoral process, and calls on Member States to support the peace process in Liberia by contributing to the Trust Fund;

7. *Urges* the Liberian parties to commence the encampment, disarmament and demobilization process without delay;

8. *Welcomes* the decision to establish the transitional government and urges also the Liberian parties to begin the exercise of that government's responsibilities concomitantly with the process described in paragraph 7 above and consistent with the Peace Agreement;

9. *Calls on* the transitional government to conclude expeditiously, and no later than sixty days after its installation, a status of mission agreement with the United Nations to facilitate the full deployment of the Mission;

10. *Urges* the Liberian parties to finalize the composition of the Elections Commission so that it can promptly undertake the necessary preparations for legislative and presidential elections by March 1994, at the latest, in accordance with the timetable foreseen in the Peace Agreement;

11. *Calls on* the Liberian parties to cooperate fully in the safe delivery of humanitarian assistance to all parts of the country by the most direct routes, in accordance with the Peace Agreement;

12. *Welcomes* the stated commitment of the Military Observer Group to ensure the safety of observers and civilian staff of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia and urges the Liberian parties to take all necessary measures to ensure the security and safety of Mission personnel, as well as of the personnel involved in relief operations, and strictly to abide by applicable rules of international humanitarian law;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit progress reports to the Council on the implementation of the present resolution by 16 December 1993 and by 16 February 1994;

14. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Adopted unanimously at the 3281st meeting.

Decisions

In a letter dated 27 September 1993,¹⁴ addressed to the President of the Security Council for the attention of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General referred to Security Council resolution 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, by which the Council had authorized the establishment of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia. The Secretary-General stated that following the usual consultations, it was his intention to appoint Major-General Daniel Ishmael Opande of Kenya as the Chief Military Observer of the Mission.

In a letter dated 4 October 1993,¹⁵ the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 27 September 1993 concerning the appointment of the Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia¹⁴ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council, who agree with the proposal contained therein."

In a letter dated 4 October 1993,¹⁶ addressed to the President of the Security Council for the attention of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General referred to Security Council resolution 866 1993 of 22 September 1993, by which the Council decided to establish a United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia. Following the usual consultations, the Secretary-General proposed that the military elements of the Mission be composed of personnel from the following States: Austria, Bangladesh, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Slovakia and Uruguay. The Secretary-General further stated that he was continuing to consult certain other States and that he would revert to the Council when he had an indication of whether they were also ready in principle to contribute military personnel to the Mission.

In a letter dated 8 October 1993,¹⁷ the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 4 October 1993 concerning the composition of the military elements of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia¹⁶ has been brought to

the attention of the members of the Council, who agree with the proposal contained therein."

In a letter dated 17 November 1993,¹⁸ addressed to the President of the Security Council for the attention of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General referred to Security Council resolution 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, by which the Council had authorized the establishment of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia. The Secretary-General stated that, in his letter of 4 October 1993,¹⁶ he informed the Council of the initial list of Member States contributing military elements to the Mission. Having completed the necessary additional consultations, he proposed that the Czech Republic, Hungary and Pakistan be added to the list of contributing countries. The Secretary-General further stated that he was continuing to consult certain other States and that he would revert to the Council when he had an indication of whether they were also ready in principle to contribute military personnel to the Mission.

In a letter dated 19 November 1993,¹⁹ the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 17 November 1993 concerning the additions to the list of Member States contributing military elements to the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia¹⁸ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council, who take note of the information contained in your letter and agree with the proposal therein."

In a letter dated 3 December 1993,²⁰ addressed to the President of the Security Council for the attention of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General referred to his letters of 4 October 1993¹⁶ and 17 November 1993¹⁸ by which he had submitted to the Council the list of Member States contributing military personnel to the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia. Having completed the necessary additional consultations, the Secretary-General proposed that India be added to the list of contributing countries. The Secretary-General further stated that he was continuing to consult certain other States and would revert to the Council when he had an indication of whether they were also ready in principle to contribute military personnel to the Mission.

In a letter dated 8 December 1993,²¹ the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 3 December 1993 concerning the addition of one country to the list of contributing countries for the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia²⁰ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council, who take note of the information contained in your letter and agree with the proposal mentioned therein."

In a letter dated 16 December 1993,²² the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"The members of the Council have taken note of your report of 13 December 1993 on the United Nations Observer Mission in

¹⁴ S/26532.

¹⁵ S/26533.

¹⁶ S/26554.

¹⁷ S/26555.

¹⁸ S/26778.

¹⁹ S/26779.

²⁰ S/26857.

²¹ S/26858.

²² S/26886.