

RESOLUTION OF LIBERIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixty-Second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 21 to 23 June, 1995,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Liberia as contained in Document CM/1884 (LXII),

Having heard the Statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Liberia on the situation in Liberia,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1561 (LXII) adopted at its Sixty-First Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as well as other previous OAU Resolutions on the Liberian crisis,

Recalling the meeting of the Foreign Ministers and Heads of State and Government of the ECOWAS Committee of Nine on Liberia, held in Abuja, Nigeria, from 15 to 16 and 17 to 20 May, 1995, respectively, as well as separate consultative meetings between the Heads of State and Government of the Committee of Nine and parties to the Liberia conflict, also at Abuja, 15 to 20 May, 1995,

Recalling further the Akosombo Agreement and its Accra clarification, as well as the Acceptance and Accession Agreements signed in September and December, 1994 respectively, among the parties to the Liberian conflict, notably, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPLF), the United Liberation Movement of Liberia (ULIMO K and ULIMO J) the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL), the Liberia Peace Council (PLC) and the Liberia National Conference (LNC), the Lofa Defence Force (LDF), Central Revolutionary Committee of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (CRC – NPFL),

Noting that the Akosombo Agreement and its clarification, which recognize the Cotonou Agreement as a framework for peace in Liberia, seek to supplement and amend the latter so as to accelerate and move the Liberian Peace Process forward, as well as ensure its full implementation,

Noting with appreciation the sustained and tireless effort of the Current Chairman of ECOWAS H.E. Flt/Lt Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana, together with those of some other leaders of the West African sub-region, aimed at facilitating dialogue among the warring factions in Liberia with a view to reaching an early and peaceful resolution of the Liberian crisis,

Recognizing that complete and comprehensive disarmament is very crucial to the restoration of permanent and durable peace to Liberia, and Noting the serious financial, logistical and other problems presently besting ECOMOG in carrying out its peacekeeping mandate in Liberia,

Expressing concern over the deterioration of the security situation throughout Liberia, as well as the disruption of humanitarian relief supplies and displacement of

thousands of civilians in the country, resulting largely from an upsurge of violence among various factions,

Encouraged however by the recent positive momentum which the peace process has assumed through the unwavering activities and contributions of Liberians themselves, both at home and abroad, which has resulted in consultations and the building of confidence between and among the parties, as well as among the parties and some of the leaders of the sub-region,

Taking due note of the immense contributions which the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) continue to make towards the search for peace in Liberia,

Being aware of the huge humanitarian, rehabilitation and reconstruction needs of the Liberian Nation and its people,

Realizing that the successful implementation of all pertinent Agreements to bring peace to Liberia will depend to a large extent on contributions and continuing financial assistance from the International Community, particularly donor countries:

1. **WELCOMES** the new peace initiative of the Current Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and efforts by some other leaders of the sub-region, resulting into the signing among the parties to the Liberian conflict of the Akosombo Agreement and its Accra Clarification, the Acceptance and Accession Agreements, as well as Abuja Final Comminque of May 1995, adopted at the Third Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the Committee of Nine and URGES them not to relent in their endeavours until peace is finally brought to Liberia;
2. **AFFIRMS** that the Cotonou Accord, as supplemented and amended by the Akosombo Agreement and its Accra Clarification, continues to offer the best framework for the restoration of lasting peace to Liberia, and **CALLS** on all parties to place the national interest of the country above their individual benefits in order to respect and implement these Accords;
3. **CONFIRMS** that comprehensive and total disarmament of all warring parties is very crucial for the attainment of durable peace in Liberia, and a necessary precondition for the holding of presidential and general elections;
4. **CALLS** on all parties to scrupulously observe the schedule of implementation as annexed to the Akosombo Agreement and its Accra Clarification relating to a ceasefire, the disengagement of forces, the creation of safe havens throughout the country, encampment and disarmament leading to the holding of democratic elections;
5. **COMMENDS** both ECOMOG and Expanded ECOMOG troops contribution countries including Nigeria, Ghana, Guinea, Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Mail, Senegal, Uganda and Tanzania for the sacrifices they have

made and continue to make towards the search for peace in Liberia, despite the enormous human and material costs to themselves;

6. **COMMENDS** the untiring efforts that the OAU Eminent Person, Prof K. Banana has deployed in the common effort to resolve the Liberia crisis and **ENCOURANGES** him to continue these efforts;
7. **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to Countries of the International Community which have contributed personnel to the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia in support of the Peace Process;
8. **COMMENDS** the Current Chairman of ECOWAS, President Jerry John Rawlings of the Republic of Ghana, and other ECOWAS Leaders especially those of the Committee of Nine on Liberia for the relentless efforts culminating in the recent Summit of the Committee in Abuja in May, 1995, to bring peace to Liberia and restore stability in the sub-region;
9. **RECOGNIZES** that the Abuja meeting of May 1995 has contributed to confidence building among the Liberian factions and revitalised the spirit of commitment to the search for a durable peace in Liberia;
10. **COMMENDS** H.E. General Sani, Head of State of the Federal Government of Nigeria for hosting and providing facilities for the Abuja meeting and **CALLS UPON** the Liberian factions to seize on the momentum for peace;
11. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the United States of America and the European Union for their contribution to the UN Trust Fund for Liberia and **APPEALS** to them to increase their grant to the Fund, and **FURTHER APPEALS** to the International Donor Community as a whole to assist in keeping the Fund endowed with adequate resources;
12. **CALLS ON** the Secretary-General of the United Nations to ensure that the Fund is not only used to assist all contingents of ECOMOG, especially in meeting their vital logistical needs, but also expended to provide incentives and in support of programmes earmarked to facilitate the disarmament of combatants;
13. **CALLS ON** the Secretary-General of the OAU to identify and provide funds from OAU sources, as well as solicit financial support from other sources to assist ECOMOG in carrying out its mandate in Liberia;
14. **APPEALS** to the International Community particularly relevant United Nations Agencies and non-Governmental International Organizations to give the necessary financial, material and technical support to the repatriation and resettlement of Liberian refugees and internally displaced persons in the country so as to pave the way for the holding of democratic elections;
15. **FURTHER CALLS** on the International Community to strictly comply with the arms embargo imposed against all warring factions in the Liberian conflict by the UN Security Council Resolution 788 and also **URGE**

ECOWAS Member States, particularly all those neighbouring Liberia to take appropriate measures to prevent the transshipment of arms through their territories to the warring factions in Liberia in conformity with ECOWAS own sanctions;

16. **CALLS** on the International Community to recognize and give full faith and credence to the current Liberian National Transitional Government (LNTG) and its Successors;
17. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to follow closely developments of the situation in Liberia and report thereon to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.