

RESOLUTION ON LIBERIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-ninth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 31 January to 4 February, 1994,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Liberia, contained in Document CM/1804 (LIX),

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1449 (LVIII) Rev.2, adopted at its Fifty-eighth Ordinary Session in Cairo, Egypt, as well as other previous resolutions on the Liberian crisis,

Recalling further the Cotonou Accord signed on 25 July, 1993 by the Interim government of National Unity (IGNU), the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) and the United Liberation Movement of Liberia (ULIMO) under the auspices of ECOWAS, the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity aimed at bringing about a peaceful and democratic solution to the conflict,

Expressing deep concern over the recent differences that have emerged among the parties to the Cotonou Agreement regarding the membership and composition of the transitional institutions and the process of disarmament,

Considering the fact that the United Nations and the OAU have positively contributed to the advancement of the peace process by providing UN military observers and additional troops from Uganda, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, respectively,

Bearing in mind that the Liberian conflict continues to have devastating consequences on the people of Liberia and poses a threat to the peace and stability on the Continent and in particular in the West African sub-region,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of ECOWAS, OAU and UN aimed at bringing about a peaceful resolution of the conflict:

1. **REAFFIRMS ITS BELIEF** that the Cotonou Agreement offers the best possible framework for a peaceful resolution of the Liberian conflict; and **CALLS ON ALL PARTIES**, to respect and implement the Accord;
2. **URGES** all the parties to the Cotonou Accord to abide by its provisions to facilitate the installation of the National Transitional Government of Liberia (LNTG) concomitant with the commencement of the disarmament process as a matter of urgency as provided for in the Accord;
3. **COMMENDS** the efforts of ECOWAS and the rest of the International Community in the search for a peaceful and democratic solution to the Liberian crisis;
4. **COMMENDS** in particular all the efforts of the original troop contributing countries of Nigeria, Ghana, Guinea, Sierra Leone, The Gambia and Mail,

which despite enormous human and material costs have spared no effort to bring peace to Liberia;

5. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE** to the African countries outside the West African sub-region namely Uganda, Tanzania and Zimbabwe which are contributing troops for the expansion of ECOMOG, as well as to the United Nations which has established the Observer Mission, (UNOMIL), in support of the peace process;
6. **APPEALS** to all the parties to allow free flow of humanitarian assistance to the Liberian people throughout the country, and **URGES** the international community to extend humanitarian assistance to Liberian refugees in neighbouring countries;
7. **APPEALS** to the international community to make additional contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund on Liberia and **CALLS ON** the United Nations Secretary-General to continue to make his best efforts to ensure that the Fund is used to assist all the contingents, including those under ECOMOG, in the Liberian peace-keeping operations.
8. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary General to follow closely the situation and report thereon to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.