

(Translated from the French)

United Nations

Security Council

Resolution 4510 (2004), adopted on 21 May 2004

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 4439 of 13 September 2003 and 4500 of 13 March 2004,

Further recalling the statement by its President on 15 November 2003, in which he supported the Peace Agreement reached by representatives of the Blue, Orange, and Yellow countries and representatives of the Green region (the "parties") in Accra on 13 November 2003 (the "Peace Agreement"),

Deeply concerned by the dire consequences of the prolonged conflict for the civilian populations in the Green region, in particular the increase in the number of refugees and internally displaced persons, and *recalling* in this regard its resolutions 1265 (1999) and 1296 (2000) on the protection of civilians in armed conflict,

Further recalling its resolution 1325 (2000) on Women and peace and security,

Emphasizing that it is the responsibility of the parties to create a secure environment that enables respect for human rights, the return of refugees and supports the mission of humanitarian workers,

Gravely concerned by the use of child soldiers by certain armed militias of the parties concerned, and *recalling* its resolutions 1379 (2001) and 1460 (2003) in this regard,

Recalling that perpetrators of violations of international humanitarian law and human rights cannot remain unpunished,

Emphasizing the need for all parties to safeguard the welfare and security of humanitarian workers in accordance with applicable rules and principles of international law, and *recalling* in this regard its resolution 1502 (2003),

Concerned by the persistent violations of the arms embargo imposed by resolution 4439 (2003),

Deploring that the continuing illegal exploitation of natural resources in the Green region contributes to fuelling the conflict and *emphasizing* the importance of the proper management of natural resources in order to foster stability and sustainable economic development throughout the region,

Commending the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, for its leadership role in facilitating the

achievement of the aforementioned Peace Agreement, and *recognizing* the critically important role it has played and necessarily will continue to play in the peace process in the Green region,

Noting the letter from the Chairman of ECOWAS of 13 March 2003 informing the Council of the serious risk of destabilization of the region,

Determining that the situation in the Green region constitutes a threat to international peace and security, and to regional stability in West Africa,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Urges* all parties to observe the ceasefire, and to comply with and implement all the provisions of the Peace Agreement;

2. *Authorizes* Member States of ECOWAS to establish a multinational force in the Green region (FMV) and the surrounding area, for a period of 6 months commencing from the adoption of this resolution, to support the implementation of the Peace Agreement;

3. *Decides* that the FMV shall have the following mandate:

- (a) to observe and monitor the implementation of the ceasefire;
- (b) to facilitate the restoration and maintenance of security in the Green region in support of the government authorities of the Blue and Yellow countries and so as to facilitate the implementation of the political process foreseen by the Peace Agreement;
- (c) to protect civilian populations under imminent threat of physical violence, without prejudice to the responsibilities of the governments of the Blue and Yellow countries;
- (d) to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance and access of international relief workers to populations in need, by establishing the necessary security conditions;
- (e) to create a secure environment for the implementation of the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme by the authorities of the Blue and Yellow countries;
- (f) to contribute to monitoring the implementation of the arms embargo established by resolution 4439 (2003), in support of the Sanctions Committee and the Panel of Experts created by resolution 4500 (2003).

4. *Authorizes* the Member States participating in the FMV to take all necessary measures to fulfil its mandate, within its capabilities and the areas of deployment of its units;

5. *Calls* on the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to contribute to the logistical support given to the ECOWAS elements of the FMV, including the pre-positioning of logistical and personnel requirements to facilitate the rapid deployment of the envisaged operation;

6. *Demands* that all States in the region refrain from any action that might contribute to instability in the Green region or the surrounding area, and *urges* them to take the necessary measures to prevent the movement of armed groups and mercenaries across their borders and illicit trafficking and proliferation of arms in the region;

7. *Calls on* the Blue and Yellow countries and on the representatives of the Green region minority to cooperate fully with the FMV in the execution of its mandate and to respect the security and freedom of movement of the FMV, as well as to ensure the safe and unimpeded access of international humanitarian personnel to populations in need;
8. *Calls on* the governments of the Blue and Yellow countries and on the representatives of the Green region to agree as soon as possible to a political process enabling a better representation of the Green region in the institutions of the Blue and Yellow countries, in accordance with the Peace Agreement;
9. *Condemns* all violations of human rights, and *urges* the parties to take all necessary steps to prevent further violations of human rights and international humanitarian law; and sustains in this regard the intention of the High Commissariat for Human Rights to send an inquiry mission in the Green region;
10. *Reaffirms* the necessity for the governments of the Blue and Yellow countries to fully implement the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme, including the dismantling of all armed groups and militias, immediately;
11. *Further reaffirms* the importance of establishing a mechanism for the proper management of natural resources in the Green region in accordance with the provisions of the Peace Agreement;
12. *Declares* its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization mission at the end of the ECOWAS mandate to continue the efforts of ECOWAS and support the implementation of the political part of the Peace Agreement;
13. *Encourages* the Governments of the Blue and Yellow countries to pursue their efforts in favor of the establishment of an impartial and independent judiciary system;
14. *Requests* that the Secretary-General, through his Special Representative, report to the Council periodically on the situation in the Green region in relation to the implementation of this resolution, including information on implementation by the FMV of its mandate;
15. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.