



DECISION AUG.20/08/03 REQUESTING DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL FOR RESTORING PEACE IN THE TRIBORDER AREA (BLUE, ORANGE, YELLOW)

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT;

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 83 of the Revised Treaty relating to the co-operation agreement with international organizations,

DEPLORING the failure of the mediation efforts by the ECOWAS President and Secretary on behalf of ECOWAS between the Presidents of Blue, Orange and Yellow AND intended to entice them to find a negotiated solution to the Tri-border issue;

DEPLORING as well the deteriorating security situation in the provinces of Abomey (Blue) and Hizan Kogede (Yellow) resulting in the loss of lives and property as well as the displacement of thousands of people;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fourth and fifty meetings of the Ministerial of the Mediation and Security Council held in Abuja on 1 August 2003 and in Bamako on 16 August 2003 respectively;

ON THE PROPOSAL of the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Bamako on 18 August 2003.

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

To convey to the United Nations Security Council a formal request for UN assistance in their effort to convince the governments of Blue, Orange and Yellow to find a negotiated solution to the Tri-border issue.

ARTICLE 2

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within ten (10) days of its signature by the Chairman of Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

DONE AT BAMAKO, THIS 20TH DAY OF AUGUST 2003

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THE CHAIRMAN