



DECISION MAY 18/05/04 REQUESTING 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 7 of the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for conflict prevention, management,

COMMENDING all the efforts undertaken by the International Observation Mission to the Tri-Borders (IOMTB) to fulfill the missions they had been entrusted with;

PAYING TRIBUTE to the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General' efforts to bring all the parties to peacefully settle their quarrel

DEPLORING that, in spite of their signing of the ACCRA peace agreement, rebel factions linked to the Parti Indépendantiste Vert (PIVERT) have not surrendered their weapons and are continuing to conduct attacks against unarmed civilians and members of the three countries regular armed forces

CONCERNED by the threat caused to the oil industrial facilities by the armed faction of the PIVERT

DEPLORING the further loss of lives and property as well as the displacement of thousands of people, especially in the provinces of Abomey (Republic Blue) and Hizan Kogede (Yellow Republic);

GRAVELY CONCERNED by the humanitarian situation in the organized camps as well as in the makeshift encampments located in the north of the Republic of Orange;

APPALED by the recent atrocities committed against humanitarian aid workers

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the seventh and eighth meetings of the Ministerial of the Mediation and Security Council held in Abuja on 1 April 2004 and in Bamako on 13 May 2004 respectively;

ON THE PROPOSAL of the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Bamako on 15 May 2004.

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE I

The Executive Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Defence and Security Commission to make appropriate proposals to the Ministerial level of the Mediation and Security Council on the constitution of a force intended to restore peace in the Tri-border area. The proposals shall include force structure, strength, mandate and rules of engagement, taking into account the report of the Reconnaissance Team

ARTICLE 2

A formal request for assistance shall be conveyed to the United Nations Security Council in order to obtain its full support to the regional efforts intended to restore peace in the Tri-border area.

ARTICLE 3

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) 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 18th DAY OF MAY 2004

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THE CHAIRMAN

FOR: THE AUTHORITY