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RESOLUTION 4823 (2003)

**Adopted by the Security Council at its 4573rd meeting,
on 21 September 2003**

The Security Council,

Recalling all its previous relevant resolutions concerning the situation in the region located at the junction of the borders of the Republics of Blue, Orange and Yellow known as the Tri-border area,

Reaffirming its respect and commitment to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Republics of Blue, Orange and Yellow,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 15 September 2003 (S/2003/1031),

Emphasizing once again that the people of the Republics of Blue, Orange and Yellow and their leaders bear the ultimate responsibility for achieving peace and national reconciliation,

Deeply concerned by the continuing deterioration in the security situation in the region known as Tri-border area, located at the junction of the borders of the Republics of Blue, Orange and Yellow,

Further concerned by the humanitarian situation of the refugees who have fled the Tri-border area,

Reaffirming its commitment to a negotiated political settlement of the conflict in the Tri-border area, preserving the territorial integrity of all States there within their internationally recognized borders,

Commending the positive role of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in its continuing efforts to restore peace, security and stability in the Tri-border area

Determined to promote the peaceful resolution of the conflicts in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Determining that the situation in the region continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

Welcomes the Secretary-General's intention to appoint a Special Representative for the Tri-border area, based in Cotonou, and requests him to do so as soon as possible,

Condemns violations of human rights and international humanitarian law that have taken place in the Tri-border area and **stresses** the need to bring to justice those responsible and **urges** all parties, including the Governments, to take all necessary steps to prevent further violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, in particular against civilians regardless of their origin,

Calls all parties to cease fire and to take immediately all initiatives they might deem necessary to find a peaceful solution to the conflict,

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

Decides

1- that an embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment shall be imposed to all parties involved in the conflict including the governments of the Republics of Blue, Orange and Yellow for a duration of 9 (nine) months, beginning on the 25th September 2003.

2- that any instances of violations of the embargo will be brought before the United Nations Security Council.

Decides to remain seized of the matter.