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Council:

(a) TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General and the detailed complementary information provided by the Representative of the Current Chairman of ECOWAS and the

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia;

(b) NOTES the encouraging progress so far achieved in the Liberian Peace process through the disarmament of all the warring factions, the establishment of an Independent Electoral Commission, the re-constitution of the Supreme Court of Liberia; the enlargement of ECOMOG and its full deployment all over the territory, thus creating the necessary conditions for the conduct of free and fair elections;

(c) CONGRATULATES the Current Chairman of ECOWAS, General Sani Abacha, as well as other leaders of the region for their tireless efforts in finding a lasting solution to the Liberian crisis;

(d) WELCOMES the report on the elections initially scheduled for 30 May 1997 and REQUESTS that everything be done to ensure the respect of the new electoral date of 19 July, 1997;

(e) COMMENDS the ECOWAS, the OAU and the UN for early sending of an election expert to serve on the Independent electoral Commission in support of the ECOWAS Peace Plan;

(f) REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to make financial contribution, on behalf of the OAU, towards the work of the Independent Electoral Commission;

(g) APPEALS to the international community, including those who promised assistance to provide increased financial and material assistance to the Independent Electoral Commission of Liberia,

ECOWAS, ECOMOG and the Government of Liberia to enable them carry out and complete their respective tasks for ensuring the successful implementation of the last phase of the revised schedule of the Abuja Agreement;

(h) RECALLS the importance of re-integration programme for the demobilized fighters, displaced persons and returning Liberian refugees on which the consolidation of the on-going peace process depends and APPEALS to the international community to give them all the