

CM/Dec.454 (LXX) Decision on the Report of the Secretary-General on the Situation in Sierra Leone (Doc.CM/2099 (LXX) -f

Council:

TAKES NOTE of the Report;

WELCOMES the signing of a Peace Agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) to end the civil war in the country and URGES the two parties to scrupulously respect and implement the Agreement they have entered into;

CONGRATULATES the people and Government of Sierra Leone, as well as the Revolutionary United Front on their signing of the Peace Agreement on 7 July 1999, and URGES them to get down to a sincere and honest implementation of the Agreement so as to consolidate peace in the country;

EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION and PAYS TRIBUTE to all those who played a role in the peace process, particularly President Gnassingbe Eyadema of Togo, Current Chairman of ECOWAS, assisted by in his efforts by President Blaise Compaore of Burkina Faso and OAU Current Chairman, Presidents Charles Taylor of Liberia and Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria, as well as to all the partners involved in the peace process, particularly the United Nations and the Commonwealth;

PAYS TRIBUTE to ECOWAS countries, particularly Nigeria, Ghana, Guinea and Mali, which contributed troops to ECOMOG, for the sacrifices they made to ensure that peace and stability prevail in Sierra Leone;

EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the efforts exerted by OAU in this matter and REQUESTS the Secretary-General to continue to play a role in the process aimed at the consolidation of peace in the country;

URGES other countries which are members and non-members of ECOWAS to send contingents to supplement the current ECOMOG component in order to consolidate confidence and create an enabling environment for implementation of the Peace Agreement;

APPEALS to the International Community to provide adequate logistics assistance to ECOMOG to enable it to pursue its deployment in Sierra Leone;

FURTHER URGES the International Community, humanitarian agencies and organisations, as well as other international donors to support the peace consolidation process in Sierra Leone;

REQUESTS the Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, and the Secretary-General to back the efforts deployed by ECOWAS at regional level with every possible assistance, so as to ensure the restoration of peace in Sierra Leone, and to submit a report thereon to the next Council of Ministers.