

as to mainstream women's effective participation and vision within the OAU.

4. ALSO REQUESTS the Secretary General to present the outcome of the consultations to the 75th Ordinary Session of Council for consideration.

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DECISION ON SIERRA LEONE

Council:

1. WELCOMES the signing in Abuja, Nigeria, on 10 November 2000, of a Ceasefire Agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) under the aegis of ECOWAS and URGES the RUF to honour its commitments under the Agreement;

2. FURTHER WELCOMES the opening of highways in the rebel controlled areas and CALLS UPON the RUF to disarm in order to facilitate the full deployment of UNAMSIL throughout the territory of Sierra Leone. In this regard, Council APPEALS to countries to contribute troops to enable UNAMSIL to attain its full complement of UNAMSIL;

3. EXPRESSES support for the work of the UN Committee on the ban of the illegal trade in diamonds from Sierra Leone;

4. REAFFIRMS that the Lome Peace Agreement of 7 July 1999 continues to remain the most viable framework for the restoration of lasting peace in Sierra Leone;

5. REQUESTS the Secretary General and his Special Envoy to continue to follow closely the situation in Sierra Leone and to report to Council regularly;

6. REAFFIRMS its support for the efforts deployed by ECOWAS to find a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflict in Sierra Leone and ENCOURAGES the Secretary General to continue to work closely with ECOWAS.