



## Security Council

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### **Letter dated 5 May 2003 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have decided to send a mission to the West African subregion from 15 to 23 May 2003. The members have agreed on the terms of reference of the mission, a copy of which is enclosed herewith (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Munir **Akram**  
President of the Security Council

## **Annex**

### **Security Council mission to West Africa: objectives**

#### **Regional**

- Demonstrate continuing Security Council interest in the subregion
- Encourage more cooperation among countries of the subregion (e.g., the Mano River Union and ECOWAS); assess follow-up to the Rabat Summit; and identify any obstacles to improved cooperation
- Review the activities of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa
- Examine the links between the conflicts in Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire and Sierra Leone and their impact on neighbouring countries (including mercenaries, arms trafficking and refugees)
- Assess progress towards Council objectives on the protection of civilians and children affected by armed conflict
- Emphasize the need for all countries to respect their obligations with regard to human rights and international humanitarian law

#### **Sierra Leone**

- Assess the success of UNAMSIL in building security in Sierra Leone and its impact on the protection of civilians
- Assess progress in the UNAMSIL drawdown and the ability of the Sierra Leone police and armed forces to provide security as it withdraws
- Assess the transition from peacekeeping to longer-term development
- Examine how the Special Court and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission are addressing justice and reconciliation

#### **Liberia**

- Urge the Government of Liberia, LURD and any other armed rebel groups to engage in ceasefire negotiations and to implement Security Council resolutions
- Call on the Government of Liberia to enhance its cooperation with neighbouring countries
- Assess how the Government has responded to the Council's proposals for resolving the crisis, including an assessment of the chances of free and fair elections
- Assess the impact and effectiveness of UNOL, how it works with the operational parts of the United Nations country team, and the Government of Liberia's expectations of its new mandate

#### **Côte d'Ivoire**

- Urge all parties to respect fully all the provisions of the ceasefire

- Urge the Government and all the parties to implement fully the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement
- Discuss with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Albert Tevoedjre, progress with the United Nations mission in Côte d'Ivoire
- Emphasize the need for respect for human rights by all parties
- Consider how to tackle the problem of insecurity in western Côte d'Ivoire

**Guinea-Bissau**

- Urge the Government and President Kumba Yalá to ensure that the forthcoming elections are conducted in a transparent, fair and credible manner, and to take the necessary confidence-building steps required of them
  - Urge the Government to endorse the partnership approach defined by the ad hoc advisory group of the Economic and Social Council
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