

United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/26576)".²³

Resolution 876 (1993)
of 19 October 1993

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its resolutions 849 (1993) of 9 July 1993, 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993 and 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993,

Recalling the statement made by the President of the Council on 17 September 1993,²⁴ in which the Council expressed its extreme concern for the situation in Abkhazia, Republic of Georgia, and urged all countries to encourage the resumption of the peace process,

Having considered the letter dated 12 October 1993 from the Chairman of the Parliament, head of State of the Republic of Georgia, to the Secretary-General,²⁵

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General of 7 October 1993,²⁶

Deeply concerned at the human suffering caused by conflict in the region, and at reports of "ethnic cleansing" and other serious violations of international humanitarian law,

Determining that continuation of the conflict in Abkhazia, Republic of Georgia, threatens peace and stability in the region,

1. *Affirms* the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia;

2. *Reaffirms its strong condemnation* of the grave violation by the Abkhaz side of the cease-fire agreement of 27 July 1993 between the Republic of Georgia and forces in Abkhazia, and subsequent actions in violation of international humanitarian law;

3. *Condemns also* the killing of the Chairman of the Defence Council and Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia;

4. *Demands* that all parties refrain from the use of force and from any violations of international humanitarian law, and welcomes the decision of the Secretary-General to send a fact-finding mission to the Republic of Georgia in this regard, in particular to investigate reports of "ethnic cleansing";

5. *Affirms* the right of refugees and displaced persons to return to their homes, and calls on the parties to facilitate this;

6. *Welcomes* the humanitarian assistance already provided, including by international aid agencies, and urges Member States to contribute towards the relief efforts;

7. *Calls* for unimpeded access for international humanitarian relief assistance in the region;

²³ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993*.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, document S/26576.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, document S/26551.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, document S/26646.

8. *Calls* on all States to prevent the provision from their territories or by persons under their jurisdiction of all assistance, other than humanitarian assistance, to the Abkhaz side and in particular to prevent the supply of any weapons and munitions;

9. *Reiterates its support* for the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Envoy, in cooperation with the Chairman-in-Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and with the assistance of the Government of the Russian Federation as a facilitator, to carry forward the peace process with the aim of achieving an overall political settlement;

10. *Notes* the provisional steps the Secretary-General has taken with regard to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and welcomes his intention to provide a further report both on the future of the Mission and on the political aspects of the United Nations role in trying to end the conflict in Abkhazia;

11. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

Adopted unanimously at the 3295th meeting.

Decisions

At its 3304th meeting, on 4 November 1993, the Council decided to invite the representative of Georgia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in Georgia: report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/26646 and Add.1)".²³

Resolution 881 (1993)
of 4 November 1993

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its resolutions 849 (1993) of 9 July 1993, 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993 and 876 (1993) of 19 October 1993,

Recalling in particular resolution 858 (1993) in which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 27 October 1993 concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia,²⁶

Noting with concern that the original mandate of the Mission has been overtaken by the military developments of 16 to 27 September 1993,

Expressing its serious concern that continuation of the conflict in Abkhazia, Georgia, threatens peace and stability in the region,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General of 27 October 1993;

2. *Welcomes also* the continued efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Envoy, in cooperation with the Chairman-in-Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and with the assistance of the Government of the Russian Federation as facilitator, to carry forward the peace process with the aim of achieving an overall political settlement, and in particular to bring both parties together in late November 1993 in Geneva;

3. *Reiterates* the demand in its resolution 876 (1993) that all the parties to the conflict in Abkhazia, Republic of Georgia, refrain from

the use of force and from any violation of international humanitarian law, and looks forward to the report of the fact-finding mission sent by the Secretary-General to Georgia in this regard;

4. *Approves* the continued presence of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia until 31 January 1994 comprising up to five military observers plus minimal support staff, with the following interim mandate:

(a) To maintain contacts with both sides to the conflict and military contingents of the Russian Federation;

(b) To monitor the situation and report to Headquarters, with particular reference to any developments relevant to the efforts of the United Nations to promote a comprehensive political settlement;

5. *Decides* that the Mission will not be extended beyond 31 January 1994 unless the Secretary-General reports to the Council that substantive progress has been made towards implementing measures aimed at establishing a lasting peace or that the peace process will be served by the prolongation of its mandate, and requests the Secretary-General to report as appropriate, but in any event by late January 1994, on the activities of the Mission;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take planning steps which would enable, upon a further decision by the Council, prompt deployment of additional personnel within the originally authorized strength of the Mission if the Secretary-General reports that the situation on the ground and in the peace process warrants it;

7. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

Adopted unanimously at the 3304th meeting.

Decisions

At its 3307th meeting, on 8 November 1993, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in Georgia".

At the same meeting, following consultations held earlier among members of the Security Council, the President made the following statement on behalf of the Council:²⁷

"The Security Council is following with deep concern developments in the Republic of Georgia, where the continuing disorder has led to mass suffering of the civilian population and threatens to worsen seriously the humanitarian situation in neighbouring Azerbaijan and Armenia.

"In this connection, the Council notes the appeal by the Government of the Republic of Georgia to the Russian Federation, the Azerbaijani Republic and the Republic of Armenia for assistance to protect and ensure the uninterrupted operation of railroads in Georgia. These are crucial communication links for the three Transcaucasian countries. The Council welcomes the improvement in security for the lines of communication that has followed the Russian Federation's response, which was made in accordance with the wishes of the Government of Georgia.

"The Council appeals to the international community to continue its efforts to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to the population of the Republic of Georgia.

²⁷ S/26706.

"The Council will remain seized of the matter, and asks to be kept informed of developments by the parties concerned on a regular basis."

At its 3325th meeting, on 22 December 1993, the Council decided to invite the representative of Georgia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in Georgia: letter dated 16 December 1993 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/26901)".²³

Resolution 892 (1993) of 22 December 1993

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its resolutions 849 (1993) of 9 July 1993, 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, 876 (1993) of 19 October 1993 and 881 (1993) of 4 November 1993,

Also reaffirming its resolution 868 (1993) of 29 September 1993 concerning the security of United Nations operations,

Having considered the letter dated 16 December 1993 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Republic of Georgia,²⁸

Taking note of the letter dated 9 December 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations to the Secretary-General,²⁹ transmitting the Memorandum of Understanding between the Georgian and Abkhaz sides signed in Geneva on 1 December 1993,

Welcoming the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding,

Noting that the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding consider that the maintenance of peace would be promoted by an increased international presence in the zone of conflict,

Noting also the first expert-level talks held between the parties in Moscow on 15 and 16 December 1993 and the intention to convene a new round of negotiations in Geneva on 11 January 1994 with a view to achieving a comprehensive political settlement of the conflict,

Noting further that encouraging progress has been achieved in the negotiations between the parties, which justifies the deployment of additional United Nations military observers,

Taking note of the decisions of the ministerial meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe held in Rome on 30 November and 1 December 1993,³⁰ and welcoming the continuing cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference in this matter,

Deeply concerned at the humanitarian situation in Georgia, in particular at the number of displaced persons and refugees,

1. *Welcomes* the letter dated 16 December 1993 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council;

²⁸ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993, document S/26901.*

²⁹ *Ibid.*, document S/26875.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, document S/26843.