

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.

2. *Authorizes* the phased deployment of up to fifty additional United Nations military observers to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, as recommended by the Secretary-General in his letter, to perform the functions described in paragraph 4 of resolution 881 (1993) and in this manner to contribute to the implementation by the parties of the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding of 1 December 1993, and requests the Secretary-General to inform the Council of the duties of new observers as additional deployments beyond the initial ten referred to in his letter are undertaken;

3. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to plan and prepare for a possible further expansion of the Mission to ensure prompt deployment should the situation on the ground and the course of negotiations warrant it;

4. *Expresses its willingness* to review the existing mandate of the Mission taking into account any progress achieved towards the promotion of a comprehensive political settlement and in the light of the report of the Secretary-General due late January 1994, which report should cover, *inter alia*, the specific activities the Mission will undertake, prospects for the Mission and anticipated costs, in light of the situation on the ground and in the negotiations;

5. *Urges* the parties to comply fully with all the commitments they have undertaken in the Memorandum of Understanding, and in particular with the commitments undertaken in accordance with the main provisions of the cease-fire agreement of 27 July 1993, set out in paragraph 1 of the Memorandum of Understanding;

6. *Urges* the parties to take all steps necessary to ensure the security of Mission personnel, and welcomes the readiness of the Government of the Russian Federation to assist the Secretary-General in this regard;

7. *Also urges* the parties fully to comply with their undertakings in the Memorandum of Understanding to create conditions for the voluntary, safe and speedy return of refugees to the places of their permanent residence and to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance to all victims of the conflict;

8. *Further urges* the parties not to take any political or any other steps that could aggravate the existing situation or hinder the process towards a comprehensive political settlement;

9. *Encourages* donor States to make contributions in response to the United Nations humanitarian appeal;

10. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Adopted unanimously at the 3325th meeting.

ITEMS RELATING TO THE SITUATION BETWEEN ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN

Statement by the President of the Security Council (in connection with interruptions in supply of goods and materials, in particular energy supplies, to Armenia and to the Nakhichevan region of Azerbaijan)

Decision

On 29 January 1993, following consultations with the members of the Council, the President made the following statement to the media on behalf of the members of the Council:¹

¹ S/25199.

"The members of the Security Council express their deep concern at the devastating effect of interruptions in the supply of goods and materials, in particular energy supplies, to Armenia and to the Nakhichevan region of Azerbaijan. They note with serious concern that these interruptions, combined with an unusually harsh winter, have brought the economy and infrastructure of the region to near collapse and created a real threat of starvation.

"The members of the Council urge all countries in a position to help to facilitate the provision of fuel and humanitarian assistance. They call on Governments in the region, with a view to preventing a further deterioration of the humanitarian situation, to allow humanitarian supplies to flow freely, in particular fuel to Armenia and to the Nakhichevan region of Azerbaijan.

"The members of the Council reaffirm their full support for the efforts of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), designed to bring the parties together and achieve peace in the region. They call upon the parties to agree to an immediate cease-fire and an early resumption of talks within the CSCE framework.

"The members of the Council will keep the matter under consideration."

The situation relating to Nagorny Karabakh²

Decisions

At its 3194th meeting, on 6 April 1993, the Council decided to invite the representative of Azerbaijan to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled:

"The situation relating to Nagorny Karabakh:

"Letter dated 29 March 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/25488);³

"Letter dated 30 March 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/25491);³

"Letter dated 31 March 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan addressed to the Secretary-General (S/25508);³

"Letter dated 31 March 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/25509);³

"Letter dated 1 April 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/25510);⁴

"Letter dated 3 April 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/25524);⁴

² Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1992.

³ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1993*.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement for April, May and June 1993.