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The members of the Security Council have reviewed the situation in Somalia as envisaged in resolution 923 (1994) of 31 May 1994. The review was considerably facilitated by the comprehensive nature of your report of 18 July 1994 (S/1994/839).

The Council members noted with satisfaction the gains made in Somalia on the humanitarian front, with the assistance of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II), United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations. They also welcomed the progress made in the re-establishment of the Somali police and justice systems as well as in demining activities.

The Council members share your serious concern at the very little forward movement registered in the Somali national reconciliation process since the Nairobi Declaration of 24 March 1994 and at the recent deterioration in the security situation in Somalia. They are disappointed at the repeated postponements of the National Reconciliation Conference and its Preparatory Meeting, for which there is still no agreement on either the dates or the venue.

In view of the situation in Somalia, described in your report, the Council members considered most appropriate and timely your directive to your Special Representative for Somalia to prepare an in-depth assessment of the prospects for national reconciliation in Somalia. They also welcomed your decision to dispatch a special mission to Somalia and to present recommendations to the Security Council on the future size of UNOSOM II as soon as possible.

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