

Resolution 823 (1993)
of 30 April 1993

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its resolutions 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, 747 (1992) of 24 March 1992, 785 (1992) of 30 October 1992, 793 (1992) of 30 November 1992, 804 (1993) of 29 January 1993 and 811 (1993) of 12 March 1993,

Recalling its resolution 804 (1993), in particular paragraph 15, in which it decided to extend the mandate of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II for a period of three months, until 30 April 1993,

Extending its support to the current and ongoing peace talks in Abidjan between the Government of Angola and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola under United Nations auspices and chairmanship, and expressing the hope that those talks will result in an immediate cease-fire and in the full implementation of the Peace Accords for Angola,

Gravely concerned at the continuing attacks against international humanitarian flights operating in Angola, in particular the recent shooting down of a World Food Programme airplane,

Taking into account the letter dated 29 April 1993 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council,⁹

1. *Decides* to extend the existing mandate of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II until 31 May 1993;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it as soon as the situation warrants, and in any case before 31 May 1993, a report on the situation in Angola with his recommendations for the further role of the United Nations in the peace process and in the meantime to keep the Council regularly informed;

3. *Stresses its readiness* to take action promptly, at any time within the period of the mandate authorized by the present resolution, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General, to expand substantially the United Nations presence in Angola in the event of significant progress in the peace process;

4. *Condemns* the attacks against international humanitarian flights operating in Angola and demands that these attacks cease forthwith and that both parties, in particular the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of these flights as well as the security of Mission personnel;

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

Adopted unanimously at the 3206th meeting.

⁸ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1993.*

⁹ *Ibid.*, document S/25690.

At its 3226th meeting, on 1 June 1993, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Angola and Portugal to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in Angola: further report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II (UNAVEM II) (S/25840 and Add.1)".⁸

Resolution 834 (1993)
of 1 June 1993

The Security Council.

Reaffirming its resolutions 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, 747 (1992) of 24 March 1992, 785 (1992) of 30 October 1992, 793 (1992) of 30 November 1992, 84 (1993) of 29 January 1993, 811 (1993) of 12 March 1993 and 823 (1993) of 30 April 1993,

Having considered the further report of the Secretary-General of 25 and 27 May 1993,¹⁰

Expressing grave concern at the deterioration of the political and military situation, and noting with consternation the further deterioration of an already grave humanitarian situation,

Gravely concerned at the failure of the talks between the Government of Angola and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola held at Abidjan under the auspices of the United Nations and the chairmanship of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General with participation of the representatives of the three observer States to the Angolan peace process - Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States of America - and in particular at the failure to establish a cease-fire,

Welcoming and supporting the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative aimed at the earliest resolution of the Angolan crisis through negotiations,

Emphasizing the importance of a continued and effective United Nations presence in Angola, with a view to fostering the peace process and advancing the implementation of the Peace Accords for Angola,

Reaffirming its commitment to preserve the unity and territorial integrity of Angola,

1. *Decides* to extend the existing mandate of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II for a period of forty-five days, until 15 July 1993, in accordance with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 36 and 37 of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Stresses* the importance of the functions of good offices and mediation by the Mission and the Special Representative, with the goal of restoring a cease-fire and reinstating the peace process for the full implementation of the Peace Accords for Angola;

3. *Reiterates its demand* that the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola accept unreservedly the results of the democratic elections of 1992 and abide fully by the Peace Accords;

4. *Condemns* the National Union for its actions and armed attacks, which have resulted in increased hostilities and which endanger the peace process, and demands that it immediately cease such actions and armed attacks;

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, documents S/25840 and Add.1.

5. *Welcomes* the disposition of the Government of Angola to reach a peaceful settlement of the conflict in conformity with the Peace Accords and pertinent Security Council resolutions, deeply regrets the refusal of the National Union at the talks to agree to the withdrawal of its troops from the locations which it has occupied since the resumption of the hostilities, and demands that it do so;

6. *Affirms* that such occupation is a grave violation of the Peace Accords;

7. *Strongly appeals* to the two parties, in particular to the National Union, to re-initiate as soon as possible the interrupted peace talks under United Nations auspices with a view to the earliest establishment of a cease-fire throughout the country and the full implementation of the Peace Accords, further undertakings between the two parties, and relevant resolutions of the Security Council, due account being taken of what was achieved during the discussion of the Abidjan draft protocol;

8. *Holds* the National Union responsible for the breakdown of the talks and for thereby jeopardizing the peace process, and reaffirms that it will consider all appropriate measures under the Charter of the United Nations to advance the implementation of the Peace Accords;

9. *Fully supports* the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative aimed at restoring the peace process and at carrying out the mandate of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II under extremely difficult conditions;

10. *Calls on* all States to refrain from any action which directly or indirectly could jeopardize the implementation of the Peace Accords, and urges all States to refrain from providing to the National Union any form of direct or indirect military assistance or other support inconsistent with the peace process;

11. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the humanitarian activities being undertaken by the United Nations system in Angola under the overall coordination of the Special Representative, including the preparation of the United Nations humanitarian assistance plan for Angola, and strongly appeals to the Government of Angola and to the National Union to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General's efforts in this field;

12. *Calls on* all Member States, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations to respond swiftly and generously to the Secretary-General's appeal in implementation of the above-mentioned plan and to accord or increase humanitarian relief assistance to Angola, and encourages the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to continue to coordinate the provision of such assistance;

13. *Reiterates its appeal* to both parties strictly to abide by applicable rules of international humanitarian law, including to guarantee unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance to the civilian population in need, and commends in particular the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative to establish agreed humanitarian relief corridors;

14. *Also reiterates its appeal* to both parties to take all necessary measures to ensure the security and the safety of the personnel involved in humanitarian relief operations;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it as soon as the situation warrants, and in any case before 15 July 1993, a report on the situation in Angola with his recommendation for the further role of the United Nations in the peace process and, in the meantime, to keep the Council regularly informed of developments;

16. *Reiterates its readiness* to take action promptly, at any time within the period of the mandate authorized by the present resolution, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General to expand substantially the United Nations presence in Angola in the event of significant progress in the peace process;

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

Adopted unanimously at the 3226th meeting.

Decisions

In a letter dated 27 May 1993,¹¹ addressed to the President of the Security Council for the attention of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General reported that his Special Representative for Angola, Ms. Margaret Anstee, had expressed the wish some time ago to be released from her responsibilities. Expressing his profound appreciation for Ms. Anstee's dedicated service to the cause of peace and reconciliation in Angola, the Secretary-General stated that he had reluctantly agreed to accede to her wishes and that she would conclude her assignment shortly. The Secretary-General stated that following consultations, it was his intention, at the conclusion of Ms. Anstee's term, to appoint Mr. Alioune Blondin Beye, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali, as his Special Representative for Angola, effective 28 June 1993.

In a letter dated 4 June 1993,¹² the President of the Security Council informed the General-Secretary as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 27 May 1993 concerning the appointment of a new Special Representative for Angola¹¹ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council. They welcome your decision.

"At the same time, members of the Council wish to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to Ms. Margaret Anstee for the courage and untiring dedication she has shown as your Special Representative in Angola, in especially difficult circumstances."

At its 3232nd meeting, on 8 June 1993, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in Angola".

At the same meeting, following consultations held earlier with the members of the Security Council, the President made the following statement on behalf of the Council:¹³

"The Security Council received with grave concern and shock the report of the Secretary-General on the attack on 27 May 1993 by forces of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) on a train carrying civilians between Quipungo and Matala, which resulted in the death of 225 persons, including women and children, and several hundred wounded.

"The Council strongly condemns this action by UNITA, which is a clear violation of Council resolutions and of international humanitarian law, and it reiterates its demand that UNITA immediately

¹¹ S/25882.

¹² S/25883.

¹³ S/25899.