

indicated that Mr. Brahimi would also coordinate with other international observers for the elections as mentioned in the declaration of the Transitional Executive Council. The Secretary-General also stated that in recent discussions with him, both Foreign Minister R. F. Botha and Mr. Nelson Mandela had welcomed his suggestion to appoint a Special Representative as soon as possible in order to facilitate the peace process.

In a letter dated 16 December 1993,¹⁰ the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

“I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 13 December 1993 concerning South Africa⁹ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council. They take note of the information contained in your letter and agree with the proposal mentioned therein.”

THE SITUATION CONCERNING WESTERN SAHARA¹

Decision

At its 3179th meeting, on 2 March 1993, the Council discussed the item entitled “The situation concerning Western Sahara: report of the Secretary-General (S/25170)”².

Resolution 809 (1993) of 2 March 1993

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its resolutions 621 (1988) of 20 September 1988, 658 (1990) of 27 June 1990, 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991 and 725 (1991) of 31 December 1991,

Recalling that in conformity with the settlement plan regarding the question of Western Sahara,³ as adopted by resolutions 658 (1990) and 690 (1991), it was for the Secretary-General to determine the instructions for the review of the applications for participation in the referendum, and that in its resolution 725 (1991) the Council welcomed the report of the Secretary-General of 19 December 1991,⁴

¹⁰ S/26884.

¹ Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1975, 1988, 1990, 1991 and 1992.

² See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1993*.

³ *Ibid.*, *Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1990*, document S/21360, and *ibid.*, *Forty-sixth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1991*, document S/22464.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Forty-sixth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1991*, document S/23299.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 26 January 1993 on the situation concerning Western Sahara,⁵

Concerned by the difficulties and delays encountered in the implementation of the settlement plan, and in particular the persistent divergences between the two parties on the interpretation and application of the criteria for voter eligibility set out by the Secretary-General in his report of 19 December 1991,

Determined that the settlement plan be implemented without further delay in order to achieve a just and lasting solution,

Stressing the desirability of ensuring the full cooperation of both parties for the implementation of the settlement plan,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General of 26 January 1993 on the situation concerning Western Sahara;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General and his Special Representative to intensify their efforts, with the parties, in order to resolve the issues identified in the report, in particular those relating to the interpretation and application of the criteria for voter eligibility;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to make the necessary preparations for the organization of the referendum of self-determination of the people of Western Sahara and to consult accordingly with the parties for the purpose of commencing voter registration on a prompt basis, starting with the updated lists of the 1974 census;

4. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to report to the Council as soon as possible and not later than May 1993 on the outcome of his efforts, on the cooperation of the parties and on the prospects and modalities for the holding of the referendum on a free and fair basis with a view that this take place by the end of the current year at the latest, and requests the Secretary-General to include in this report proposals for the necessary adjustments to the present role and strength of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara;

5. *Urges* the two parties to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General in implementing the settlement plan regarding the question of Western Sahara, which has been accepted by them and approved by the Council in its resolutions 658 (1990) and 690 (1991), and in resolving the issues identified in the report of the Secretary-General,⁵ in particular those relating to the interpretation and application of the criteria for voter eligibility;

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

Adopted unanimously at the 3179th meeting.

Decisions

In a letter dated 28 May 1993,⁶ the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

“I have the honour to inform you that your interim report of 21 May 1993 on Western Sahara⁷ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

⁵ *Ibid.*, *Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1993*, document S/25170.

⁶ S/25861.

⁷ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1993*, document S/25818.