

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Situation in the Mano River Union of West Africa

SUBMITTED TO: The Security Council

SUBMITTED BY: Bulgaria, Cameroon, Columbia, The Republic of Guinea

THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1 *Recalling* all its previous resolutions concerning the situation in the Mano River Union of West  
2 Africa, in particular 1436 of September 2002, 1400 of March 2002, 1408 of May 2002, 1389 of  
3 January 2002, 1343 of March 2001, and the statement by its President in May of 2002,

4 *Noting* the Liberian Government's obligations under Resolution 1343 have not been fully  
5 discharged,

6 *Deeply Concerned* with the effects that the diamond trade has on regional stability, civilian  
7 safety, and overall security of western Africa,

8 *Alarmed by* the past dozen years of warfare in West Africa, which has led to the death, injury,  
9 and mutilation of hundreds of thousands of people and the displacement of millions more,

10 *Recognizing* that the gains made in Sierra Leone will only be temporary without peace, security,  
11 and stability in the entire Mano River Region and that the escalating conflict in Liberia threatens  
12 to compromise regional stability,

13 1. *Authorizes* the extension of sanctions on Liberia for another six month period until May  
14 2003, at which time sanctions will be reviewed as mandated in Resolution 1343

15 2. Supports efforts at free elections and further demilitarization and transformation of the  
16 RUF into a political party as initiated in the Abuja agreement. ;

17 3. *Supports* an international conference on reconstruction and recovery in Sierra Leone;

18 4. Endorses the introduction of a more effective policy for operating and managing the  
19 diamond sector to ensure regional stability;

20 5. *Urges* restructuring the army and police to ensure their multi-ethnic composition;

- 21 6. ENCOURAGES decentralization, increased participation of women in the peace process,  
22 good governance, restructuring of the judiciary, poverty alleviation programs, as well as  
23 the promotion of human rights to ensure continued increases in regional stability;
- 24 7. *Calls for* a cease fire and the consequent disarmament of all combatants in the current of  
25 Liberian war, and the adoption and implementation of a genuine DDDR program;
- 26 8. *Urges* improved economic initiatives, external assistance and financing the economic  
27 recovery of Sierra Leone and the use of income from the lumber and maritime registry  
28 for the benefit of peace;
- 29 9. *Encourages* that the Liberian government carry out a constructive dialog with the  
30 opposition in the format of a continuing inter-Liberian dialogue;
- 31 10. *Draws Attention* to the need for Liberian government authority to be extended to the  
32 whole country;
- 33 11. *Recommends* the establishment of a Security Council sub-committee to study feasible  
34 actions, other than those already in place, to establish peace and protect human life in the  
35 Mano River Union of West Africa and to also supervise the diamond trade in Afirca..
- 36 12. Authorizes the extension of existing UNAMIL's responsibility to include the training of  
37 Sierra Leone's army and police, once a proportional ethnic composition has been  
38 reached, in order to facilitate Sierra Leone's self rule. This provision is contingent upon  
39 implementation of operative clause 2.
- 40 13. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Passed by Consensus