

Bearing in mind the report transmitted by the Secretary-General on 20 March 1991,⁵³

1. *Condemns* the repression of the Iraqi civilian population in many parts of Iraq, including most recently in Kurdish-populated areas, the consequences of which threaten international peace and security in the region;

2. *Demands* that Iraq, as a contribution to removing the threat to international peace and security in the region, immediately end this repression, and in the same context expresses the hope that an open dialogue will take place to ensure that the human and political rights of all Iraqi citizens are respected;

3. *Insists* that Iraq allow immediate access by international humanitarian organizations to all those in need of assistance in all parts of Iraq and make available all necessary facilities for their operations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue his humanitarian efforts in Iraq and to report forthwith, if appropriate on

the basis of a further mission to the region, on the plight of the Iraqi civilian population, and in particular the Kurdish population, suffering from the repression in all its forms inflicted by the Iraqi authorities:

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to use all the resources at his disposal, including those of the relevant United Nations agencies, to address urgently the critical needs of the refugees and displaced Iraqi population;

6. *Appeals* to all Member States and to all humanitarian organizations to contribute to these humanitarian relief efforts;

7. *Demands* that Iraq cooperate with the Secretary-General to these ends;

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

*Adopted at the 2982nd meeting by 10 votes to 3 (Cuba, Yemen, Zimbabwe), with 2 abstentions (China, India).*⁷

CENTRAL AMERICA: EFFORTS TOWARDS PEACE¹²⁵

Decisions

In a letter dated 22 April 1991,¹²⁶ the Secretary-General informed the Security Council that the tour of duty of Brigadier-General Lewis Mackenzie, who had been serving as acting Chief Military Observer since 18 December 1990, would come to an end on 13 May 1991 and that following the usual consultations with the parties concerned, it was his intention to appoint Brigadier-General Victor Suanzes Pardo (Spain) to the post of Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America as from 13 May 1991, subject to extension of the mandate of the Group. The Government of Spain had informed the Secretary-General that it was prepared to make the services of Brigadier-General Suanzes available to the United Nations.

In a letter dated 24 April 1991,¹²⁷ the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 22 April 1991¹²⁶ concerning your intention to appoint Brigadier-General Victor Suanzes Pardo (Spain) to the post of Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They agree with the proposal contained in your letter."

At its 2986th meeting, on 6 May 1991, the Council discussed the item entitled "Central America: efforts towards peace - report of the Secretary-General (S/22543)".⁷

Resolution 691 (1991)

of 6 May 1991

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 637 (1989) of 27 July 1989, 644 (1989) of 7 November 1989 and 675 (1990) of 5 November 1990, as well as the statement made by the President of the Security Council on its behalf on 7 November 1989,¹²⁸

1. *Approves* the report of the Secretary-General of 29 April 1991;¹²⁹

2. *Decides* to extend, under its authority, the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America, as defined in resolution 644 (1989), for a further period of six months, that is until 7 November 1991, bearing in mind the report of the Secretary-General and the need to continue to monitor expenditures carefully during this period of increasing demands on peace-keeping resources;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council fully informed of further developments and to report

on all aspects of the operations of the Group before the expiry of the new mandate period.

Adopted unanimously at the 2986th meeting

Decision

At its 2988th meeting, on 20 May 1991, the Council discussed the item entitled "Central America: efforts towards peace - reports of the Secretary-General (S/22031,¹³⁰ S/22494 and Corr.1 and Add.1)⁷

Resolution 693 (1991) of 20 May 1991

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 637 (1989) of 27 July 1989, in which it lent its full support to the Secretary-General for the continuation of his mission of good offices in Central America,

Recalling also the Geneva Agreement of 4 April 1990¹³¹ and the Caracas Agenda of 21 May 1990¹³² concluded between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional,

Deeply concerned at the persistence of and the increase in the climate of violence in El Salvador, which seriously affects the civilian population, and thus stressing the importance of the full implementation of the Agreement on Human Rights signed by the two parties at San José on 26 July 1990¹³³,

Welcoming the Mexico Agreements between the two parties of 27 April 1991,¹³⁴

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General of 21 December 1990¹³⁵ and 16 April and 20 May 1991,¹³⁶

Commending the Secretary-General and his Personal Representative for Central America for their efforts at good offices, and expressing its full support for their continuing efforts to facilitate a peaceful settlement to the conflict in El Salvador,

Underlining the great importance that it attaches to the exercise of moderation and restraint by both sides to ensure the security of all United Nations-employed personnel as well as to the adoption by them of all other appropriate and necessary measures to facilitate the negotiations leading to the achievement of the objectives set forth in the Geneva and other above-mentioned agreements as soon as possible, including their full cooperation with the Secretary-General and his Personal Representative to this end,

Recognizing the right of the parties to determine their own negotiating process,

Calling upon both parties to pursue the current negotiations urgently and with flexibility, in a concentrated format on the items agreed upon in the Caracas Agenda, in order to reach, as a matter of priority, a political agreement on the armed forces and the accords necessary for the cessation of the armed confrontation and to achieve as soon as possible thereafter a process which will lead to the establishment of the necessary guarantees and conditions for reintegrating the members of the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional within a framework of full legality into the civil, institutional and political life of the country,

Expressing its conviction that a peaceful settlement in El Salvador will contribute to a successful outcome in the Central American peace process,

1. *Approves* the report of the Secretary-General of 16 April and 20 May 1991;¹³⁶

2. *Decides* to establish, under its authority and based on the Secretary-General's report referred to in paragraph 1, a United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador to monitor all agreements concluded between the two parties, whose initial mandate in its first phase as an integrated peace-keeping operation will be to verify the compliance by the parties with the Agreement on Human Rights signed at San José on 26 July 1990,¹³³ and also decides that the subsequent tasks or phases of the Mission will be subject to approval by the Council;

3. *Also decides* that the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador will be established for an initial period of twelve months;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to establish the first phase of the Mission as described in paragraphs 2 and 3;

5. *Calls upon* both parties, as agreed by them, to pursue a continuous process of negotiations in order to reach at the earliest possible date the objectives set forth in the Mexico Agreements of 27 April 1991¹³⁴ and all other objectives contained in the Geneva Agreement of 4 April 1990,¹³¹ and to this end to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General and his Personal Representative in their efforts;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council fully informed on the implementation of the present resolution.

Adopted unanimously at the 2988th meeting

Decisions

In a letter dated 26 June 1991¹³⁷ addressed to the President of the Security Council for the attention of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General referred to resolution 693 (1991) of 20 May 1991, by which the Council had decided to establish, under its authority and based on the Secretary-General's report of 16 April and 20 May 1991,¹³⁶ a United