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90. Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities and Peaceful Settlement of Conflict Between The Armed Forces of Liberia Represented by Lieutenant-General John Hezekiah Bowen, Head of Delegation, of the First Part, and The National Patriotic Front of Liberia Represented by ... [Not Represented], of the Second Part, and The Independent National Patriotic Front of Liberia Represented by Dr. Peter Lorkula Naigow, Head of Delegation, of the Third Part, Banjul, Republic of Gambia, 24 October 1990

Aware of the armed conflict existing between the parties to the conflict;

Recognising the wanton destruction of human life and property and the displacement of persons occasioned by the said conflict;

Considering the damage in various forms being caused by the armed conflict to the peace and security of the entire Liberian nation;

Determined to arrive at a peaceful and lasting settlement to the dispute through negotiations and to put an end to the situation which is seriously disrupting the normal life of the peaceful people of Liberia;

Convinced that the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee established by the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States at its Thirteenth Session held from 28 to 30 May in Banjul provides an appropriate mechanism for conducting such peace negotiations on behalf of ECOWAS;

Hereby agrees as follows:

Article 1
Cease-fire

1. Each Party hereby agrees to take immediately and as a contribution to the restoration and maintenance of peace and security throughout Liberia, the following measures:

- (a) cease all activities of a military and paramilitary nature, as well as all acts of violence as at 0600 hours on the seventh day from signature of this Agreement;
- (b) refrain from importing or acquiring or assisting or encouraging the importation and acquisition of weapons or war materials;
- (c) refrain from any activity which might prejudice the functioning of the Interim Government or the holding of democratically conducted general and presidential elections for a new government for the governance of Liberia;
- (d) confine its troops to positions to be determined by ECOMOG in consultation with the parties; ECOMOG shall disarm all troops and other armed residents, immediately all the three parties sign this Agreement;
- (e) assist ECOMOG in the drawing up of a buffer zone of at least thirty (30) km wide to separate the opposing forces, and of standard operating procedures (SOPs) for check-point operations;
- (f) agree that ECOMOG may inspect all ships calling at any Liberian port and all vehicles and aircraft entering through the land borders, airfields and other entry points of Liberia to ensure that the provisions of this Cease-fire Agreement are being respected and observed;
- (g) release all hostages, political prisoners and prisoners of war;

- (h) respect, unless otherwise suspended to facilitate the administration of the country by the Interim Government, the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia adopted on 6 January 1986;
- (i) fully co-operate with the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee, the ECOWAS Executive Secretary and the ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) for the effective maintenance of the cease-fire and for the restoration of law and order.

2. In order to arrive at a peaceful and lasting settlement of the dispute, the parties hereby accept the ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) established under the authority of the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS and under the command of an ECOWAS Member State.

3. ECOMOG shall be as presently constituted and may include military contingents from Member States of ECOWAS able and willing to contribute.

4. ECOMOG shall assist the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee in supervising the implementation and in ensuring the strict compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Cease-fire Agreement throughout the territory of Liberia.

*Article 2
Compliance with this Agreement*

The parties undertake to observe strictly the terms of this Agreement and to abstain from any action likely to impede the mediation process or the return of Liberia to peace and stability.

*Article 3
Entry Into Force*

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the duly mandated representatives of the parties hereto.

Done at Banjul, Republic of Gambia, this 24th day of October, 1990

(Signed): [signatures illegible]

For and on behalf of:

The Armed Forces of Liberia

The National Patriotic Front of Liberia *[Not signed by an NPFL representative]*

The Independent National Patriotic Front of Liberia

Witnessed by: [signature illegible]

Chairman, Ministerial Meeting of the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee