

FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIVE ON LIBERIA, YAMOUSSOUKRO, JULY 1991

1. The committee of five on Liberia held its First Session in Yamoussoukro, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on 29 July 1991 under the Chairman of His Excellency Félix HOUPHOUËT- BOIGNY, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.
2. Present at the Session in their capacity as Members of the Committee, were the following Heads of State and Government or their duly accredited representatives:
 - His Excellency Félix HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY President of the Republic of CÔTE D' VOIRE.
 - His Excellency Alhaji Sir Dawda Kairaba JAWARA President of the Republic of THE GAMBIA.
 - His Excellency General Joao Bernardo VIEIRA President of the Council of State of the Republic of GUINEA-BISSAU.
 - His Excellency Abdou DIOUF President of the SENEGAL.
3. At the invitation of the Committee, the Session was also attended by:
 - His Excellency Dr. Amos SAWYER, President of the interim Government of Liberia.
 - Mr. Charles TAYLOR Head of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL).
 - The Representative of International Negotiations Network (INN).
4. The Committee reviewed developments on the Liberian crisis since the consultative meeting of Heads of State and Government held on 29 and 30 June 1991 in Yamoussoukro. In this regard, and more particularly on the question of peace in Liberia, the Committee welcomed the results of the deliberations on Liberia of the Fourteenth Ordinary Summit of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government held in Abuja from 4 to 6 July 1991.
5. The Committee agreed on the need to reinforce and consolidate the ceasefire in Liberia and congratulated both the interim Government and the National Patriotic Front of Liberia for maintaining the ceasefire in conformity with their commitments during the last meeting in Yamoussoukro in June 1991.
6. The Committee further recognized the vital importance that the necessary conditions of security on the ground be created so as to reinforce the confidence of the parties and create the necessary atmosphere conducive to the holding of free, fair and democratic elections. To this end, the committee decided to hold appropriate consultations with a view to restoring lasting peace to Liberia in justice and dignity. The Committee thanked President Carter for responding to their invitation and for making his international Negotiations Network available to assist in the organization of the electoral process in Liberia. The committee agreed to meet again in Yamoussoukro one month from now.

DONE IN YAMOUSSOUKRO THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY 1991

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