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LETTER DATED 30 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GHANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I am directed to transmit to you the annexed letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ghana.

(<u>Signed</u>) George O. LAMPTEY

Ambassador

Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 28 August 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ghana addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of my President and Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), His Excellency Flt.-Lt. Jerry John Rawlings, it is my honour to inform you of the successful outcome of the latest round of negotiations among Liberian warring factions to end the civil war in their country.

The Liberian parties met at Abuja, Nigeria, from 16 to 19 August 1995. The ECOWAS Committee of Nine on Liberia also met at Ministerial level at Abuja on 18 and 19 August 1995.

As a result of the negotiations, all the Liberian parties signed the "Abuja Agreement to supplement the Cotonou and Akosombo Agreements as subsequently clarified by the Accra Agreement" on Saturday, 19 August 1995. The signatories were:

Mr.	Charles	Ghankay	TAYLOR	-	National	Patriotic	Front	of	Liberia
					(NPFL)				

Lt.-Gen. Alhaji G. V. KROMAH - United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO)

Dr. G. E. Siagbe BOLEY Sr. - Liberia Peace Council (LPC)

Lt.-Gen. J. Hezekiah BOWEN - Armed Forces of Liberia

Maj.-Gen. Roosevelt JOHNSON - United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO-J)

Mr. François MASSAQUOI - Lofa Defence Force (LDF)

Mr. Jucontes Thomas WOEWIYU - National Patriotic Front of Liberia-Central Revolutionary Council (NPFL-CRC)

Mr. Chea CHEAPOO - Liberia National Conference (LNC)

The signed Abuja Agreement was witnessed by representatives of the ECOWAS Chairman, the Head of State of Nigeria, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations.

The Agreement makes provision for a six-member Council of State under the Chairmanship of Professor Wilton Sankawolo, 55, a retired civil servant and a writer. The remaining five members who will all be Vice-Chairmen of equal status are Charles Ghankay Taylor (NPFL), Lt.-Gen. Alhaji G. V. Kromah (ULIMO), Dr. George E. A. Boley (COALITION), Oscar Jaryee Quian (LNC) and Chief Tamba Tailor. This Council is to implement the Agreement from the cease-

fire to the holding of presidential and parliamentary elections after 12 months as from 1 September 1995, which is the date scheduled under the Agreement for the Council of State to be sworn into office at Monrovia.

I am on behalf of His Excellency President Rawlings, forwarding a copy of the agreement to you (see appendix). President Rawlings would wish to have the agreement circulated as a Security Council document.

Your Excellency, after the signing of the peace Agreement comes the tricky and sensitive phase of implementing all the tenets of the said Agreement to the last letter. The successful implementation of the Agreement would call for the provision of additional resources, in terms of troops, guns, ammunitions and money. These additional resources would be vital for the successful outcome of the demobilization and disarmament process. You would agree with me, Sir, that the safety, security and progress of Liberians in post civil war Liberia, are intrinsically linked to the percentage of guns that would be taken away from the current fighters in Liberia by the Military Observer Group of ECOWAS (ECOMOG) and the Council of State of Liberia. I am, in this regard, hereby making an appeal to your august office, for the Organization of African Unity to make very serious efforts to look for financial and other resource support for ECOMOG.

Finally, Your Excellency, it would be the pleasure of His Excellency the President and Chairman of ECOWAS to have you or your representative participate in the swearing into office of the Council of State of Liberia, scheduled for Monrovia on 1 September 1995.

(<u>Signed</u>) Obed Y. ASAMOAH
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Ghana

Appendix

Abuja Agreement to Supplement the Cotonou and Akosombo Agreements

as subsequently clarified by the Accra Agreement

This Agreement amends and supplements the Cotonou Accord, the Akosombo Agreement and its Accra Clarification.

Section A

Article 1

<u>Cease-fire</u>

The Parties to this Agreement hereby declare a cease-fire and the cessation of hostilities effective at 12 o'clock midnight 26 August 1995.

Section K

Article 12

Schedule of implementation

The Parties hereby agree to abide by the schedule of implementation attached to the Agreement on the Clarification of the Akosombo Agreement with such modifications in terms of dates as are required by virtue of the delay in the implementation of the said Agreement.

Part II

Political issues

Section A

Executive

- (i) The Parties agree that during the transitional period leading to the inauguration of an elected government, the executive powers of the Republic of Liberia shall be vested in a six-member Council of State to be composed as follows:
 - (a) National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL)

Mr. Charles Ghankay Taylor

(b) United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO)

Ltg. Alhaji G. V. Kromah

(c) COALITION

Dr. George E. S. Boley Sr.

(d) Liberian National Conference (LNC)

Oscar Jaryee Quiah

- (e) Chief Tamba Tailor
- (f) Mr. Wilton Sankawolo
- (ii) The Chairman of the Council shall be Mr. Wilton Sankawolo. All other members of the Council shall be Vice-Chairmen of equal status. In case of permanent incapacitation a new Chairman shall be appointed within the framework of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).
- (iii) The Parties hereby agree that the allocation of ministries, public corporations and autonomous agencies agreed by the Parties in Cotonou, Benin, on 3-5 November 1993 shall be maintained. The Parties, however, agree that the allocations for the erstwhile IGNU shall revert to the Liberian Peace Council (LPC)/COALITION.

 LTG Hezekiah Bowen, François Massaquoi, Thomas Woewiyu, Laveli Supuwood and Samuel Dokie shall be given ministerial or other senior government positions.

General Roosevelt Johnson's wing of ULIMO (ULIMO-J) shall occupy the following positions:

Ministries

- 1. Minister of State for Presidential Affairs
- 2. Minister of Transport
- 3. Minister of Rural Development
- 4. Minister of State Without Portfolio

Public corporations/autonomous agencies

- 1. National Bank
- 2. Corporative Development Agencies (CDA)
- 3. Agricultural Industrial Training Board (AIIB)
- 4. Forestry Development Authority (FDA)

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Deputy ministers

- 1. Ministry of Post and Telecommunication
- 2. Ministry of Justice
- 3. Ministry of Education
- 4. Ministry of Information

Deputy managing directors/deputy directors general

1.	NICOL	National Insurance Corporation of Liberia				
2.	NHA	National Housing Authority				
3.	LWSC	Liberia Water and Sewage Corporation				
4.	NHSB	National Housing and Savings Bank				
5.	FS	Fire Service				
6.	GA	General Auditing				
7.	IPA	Institute of Public Administration				

Section C

National Food Assistance Agency

Article 15

Elections modalities

1. The operations of the Elections Commission shall be monitored by ECOWAS, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations.

Section D

Article 16

Tenure and mandate of the Transitional Government

- 1. The Transitional Government hereby established shall be installed within 14 days after the signing of this Agreement.
- 2. The Transitional Government shall have a life span of approximately twelve (12) months commencing from the date of its installation.

- 3. Holders of positions within the Transitional Government as defined by the Cotonou Accord who wish to contest the election provided for under the Schedule of Implementation shall vacate office three months before the date of elections. They shall be replaced by their nominees or by persons nominated by the parties represented in the Council of State.
- 4. The Chairman of the Council of State shall be ineligible to contest the first Presidential and Parliamentary elections to be held pursuant to this Agreement.

Section G

Article 8

Peace enforcement powers

- 1. Enforcement of violations of cease-fire shall be in accordance with the terms of the Cotonou Accord.
- All provisions of the Cotonou and Akosombo Agreements as clarified by the Accra Agreement not herein amended shall remain in full force and effect.

Done at Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, this nineteenth day of August 1995.

- (<u>Signed</u>) Charles Ghankay TAYLOR Leader, National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL)
- (<u>Signed</u>) Ltg. Alhaji G. V. KROMAH
 National Chairman, United Liberation
 Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO)
- (<u>Signed</u>) Dr. G. E. Saigbe BOLEY Sr. Leader, Liberia Peace Council (LPC)
- (<u>Signed</u>) Ltg. J. Hezekiah BOWEN Armed Forces of Liberia
- (Signed) Major-General Roosevelt JOHNSON
 United Liberation Movement of Liberia
 for Democracy (ULIMO-J)
- (<u>Signed</u>) François MASSAQUOI Lofa Defence Force (LDF)
- (<u>Signed</u>) Thomas WOEWIYU

 National Patriotic Front of Liberia

 Central Revolutionary Council (NPFL-CRC)
- (<u>Signed</u>) Chea CHEAPOO Liberia National Conference (LNC)

Witnessed by

- (<u>Signed</u>) Dr. Obed ASAMOAH for and on behalf of His Excellency Flt-Lt. Jerry John Rawlings President of the Republic of Ghana and Chairman of ECOWAS
- (<u>Signed</u>) Chief Tom IKIMI for and on behalf of His Excellency General Sani Abacha, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces
- (<u>Signed</u>) H.E. President Canaan BANANA Organization of African Unity Eminent Person in Liberia
- (<u>Signed</u>) H.E. Anthony B. NYAKYI Special Representative to Liberia of the United Nations Secretary-General
