

presence of a robust peacekeeping force in Côte d'Ivoire.³⁴

At the 4875th meeting,³⁵ on 4 December 2003, in which the representative of Côte d'Ivoire was invited to participate, the President (Bulgaria) made a statement on behalf of the Council,³⁶ by which the Council, *inter alia*:

³⁴ *Ibid.*, pp. 5-6.

³⁵ At the 4874th meeting, held in private on 24 November 2003, the members of the Council, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ghana, members of the ministerial delegation and the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS had a constructive exchange of views.

³⁶ S/PRST/2003/25.

Reiterated its full support for the ECOWAS and French forces;

Called on all parties to refrain from any act that might compromise the respect of the ceasefire and implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement;

Reiterated urgent need for all parties to take all possible measures to accelerate implementation of the Agreement;

Reiterated also its intention to consider the Secretary-General's recommendations on the means of facilitating peace and stability in Côte d'Ivoire;

Welcomed commitments undertaken by President Laurent Gbagbo in his speech on 27 November 2003 and called on all parties in Côte d'Ivoire and countries of the region to guarantee safety and full access of humanitarian agencies personnel.

21. Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Initial proceedings

Decision of 10 October 2003 (4839th meeting): statement by the President

At its 4839th meeting, on 10 October 2003, the Security Council included in its agenda a letter dated 2 October 2003 from the representative of the Sudan,¹ transmitting the text of the Framework Agreement on Security Arrangements during the Interim Period between the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army, signed on 25 September 2003 in Naivasha, Kenya. The representative of the Sudan stated that the agreement on security arrangements was an important breakthrough and key step in reaching a comprehensive settlement.

The representative of the Sudan was invited to participate in the meeting. The President (United States) made a statement on behalf of the Council,² by which the Council, *inter alia*:

Welcomed the agreement on security arrangements reached in Naivasha (Kenya) between the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army; reiterated its welcome for the signing of the Machakos Protocol which represented a viable basis for a resolution of the conflict in the Sudan;

Also welcomed the continuation of the ceasefire and the establishment of the Verification and Monitoring Team, the Joint Military Commission and the Civilian Protection Monitoring Team, and encouraged Member States in a position to do so to contribute financial and logistical resources.

¹ S/2003/934.

² S/PRST/2003/16.