

**28. Letter dated 10 November 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands
to the United Nations addressed to the President
of the Security Council**

Initial proceedings

Decision of 16 November 2000 (4224th meeting): statement by the President

At its 4224th meeting, on 16 November 2000, the Security Council included in its agenda, without objection, the item entitled "Letter dated 10 November 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1088)". By that letter, the representative of Solomon Islands transmitted a copy of the Townsville Peace Agreement, concluded on 15 October 2000 in Townsville, Australia, for the cessation of hostilities between the warring factions on Solomon Islands and the Government of Solomon Islands.

At that meeting, in which the representative of Solomon Islands was invited to participate, the President (Netherlands) made a statement on behalf of the Council,¹ by which the Council, *inter alia*:

Strongly supported the Townsville Peace Agreement, concluded on 15 October 2000, for the cessation of hostilities between the Malaita Eagle Force and the Isatabu Freedom Movement and for the restoration of peace and ethnic harmony in Solomon Islands;

Welcomed the establishment, as outlined in the Townsville Peace Agreement, of the International Peace Monitoring Team composed of unarmed military personnel and civilian police from Australia and New Zealand, the mandate of which is based on annex II to the said Agreement and agreed by the parties;

Encouraged other nations, in particular those in the region, to participate and assist in the implementation of the Agreement.

¹ S/PRST/2000/33.